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THE END OF THE DREAM! Cinema group loses battle to preserve the Theatre Royal for entertainment

THE three-year campaign by the Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) to preserve the Theatre Royal as a local centre for screen entertainment, was dealt a final, bitter blow last Thursday (April 14).

Following an afternoon visit to the site of the historic Barry building, councillors backed Hafod Care's plans for 42 Extra Care flats for the elderly.

Members of SOCA were left frustrated by the decision. They had hoped to renovate the Theatre Royal and provide a venue similar to Chapter Arts in Cardiff.

The chairman, Bob Armstrong, said: "We are very disappointed in the council, but we were expecting it. It had been intimated to us that it would go through."

"The people on the council don't have any foresight in terms of the future of the town."

"They are acting in a partnership with Hafod and the Welsh Assembly Government, had an

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

agenda to fulfil and did not listen to the people.

"We were always fighting an uphill battle."

"Unless local councillors get off their backsides, there will never be a cinema in Barry."

Mr Armstrong said a five-storey building was unsuitable for the location, adding: "If councillors allow this, what else will go ahead down at the Waterfront?"

SOCA member Paul Sutton said that members would be holding a meeting later this week to decide in which direction its campaign would go now.

He added that if the magistrates court in Thompson Street – currently the subject of a judicial review – did close in December, it was

a potential location for a cinema. Since the Theatre Royal closed as a cinema more than three years ago, the Save Our Cinema group has held a number of peaceful protests to keep the issue in the public eye, including a demonstration outside the Civic Offices, and a 'cinema information day' at King Square.

"REAL ASSET"

The Extra Care facility will be the first of its kind in the Vale, and the £7m scheme will be majority funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.

There will be 42 purpose-built one and two-bedroom flats, along with communal facilities for the Vale's older people, which will be managed by Hafod Care.

As part of the plans, Hafod Care will provide new facilities, such as a hairdresser, laundrette and café.

The managing director of Hafod Care, Robert Wathen, said he welcomed the council's decision.

"We are very pleased to have been granted planning permission for this facility, as it will be a real asset to the town."

"We look forward to breathing new life into this redundant site by developing a first class landmark facility."

"We received significant interest in the scheme before planning was granted, and so expect accommodation in the development to be in high demand."

Hafod anticipates starting work on the site towards the end of this year, and aims to complete the scheme by 2013.

For the record, the final film ever screened at the Theatre Royal was on April 10, 2008.

It was a British classic, *The Smallest Show on Earth*, starring Peter Sellers, Virginia McKenna, and Bill Travers.

Made in 1957, it tells the story of a battle to keep a small cinema open.

The Vale Council chose not to make a comment.

HERE'S TO THE HAPPY COUPLE!



Gwenfio school had an early royal wedding celebration recently. See also our special eight-page royal wedding supplement, beginning on page 21).

Tesco meeting fails to allay the fears of Dinas traders

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

A Dinas Powys trader has claimed that a community meeting with a supermarket giant planning to move into the village was "not helpful at all".

Last week, villagers, traders and councillors attended a meeting with two representatives of Tesco at Lee Hall.

Tesco plans to redevelop the Castle Oak pub on Castle Drive in the next few weeks and local retailers have voiced concerns about the future of their businesses.

Jan Mapstone, who owns Valley View Fruit Stores with husband Tony, told The GEM: "The Tesco representatives were not able to answer the questions put

to them – it wasn't helpful at all."

"When a simple question like 'When will you open?' was put, it was 'Mmm, mmm'... and that it should be by Christmas."

"They didn't give

much away. They did say that they hoped to help in regeneration – which implies that we all needed help."

"They also said their intention was not to damage us, and that their store would be for people to do a top-up shop."

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Quays' access

THE consortium behind the £250m Waterfront development has agreed to allow the Vale Council to have vehicle access across part of its site during peak traffic periods.

The agreement means that an area of land, previously used as an overflow car park, will be opened up this coming Easter weekend and during other busy periods.

The consortium is also allowing 'The Quays' development land to be used as an alternative exit from Barry Island during busy periods.

Consortium spokesman Richard Keogh said: "We are pleased to be able to reach an agreement with the council to use part of our proposed development site as an overflow car park, and also open the land to allow vehicles out during peak periods, under the supervision of the council."

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Welcome progress on the Barry Docks Link Road

AS one of the local councillors, I have been campaigning for a safe solution to the traffic problems on the Barry Docks Link Road particularly at the Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane Junctions.

I therefore welcome the report at the last economy and environment scrutiny meeting, on the highway safety proposals, suggesting that the traffic signal option is the most appropriate long-term scheme to address the highway safety concerns.

As someone who also uses the Docks Link Road almost daily, I have felt for a long time that traffic lights would

be the best option and made that suggestion at the outset, so I am pleased that at long last a final decision has been made.

However, at that meeting it was also made clear that the Vale Council would be applying for a grant from the Welsh Assembly and also South East Wales Transport Alliance to progress this work; so let's hope that is successful before there are any more accidents.

In the interim, I welcome the installation of the new flashing warning signs to reduce speed, which was agreed at a previous economy and environment meeting, when the issues were discussed.

Coun Anne Moore, Barry.

Flexibility needed for local homes

NOW it is official that the Cowbridge lower school is for sale, perhaps the Vale planning office should give some sympathy and consideration to the development of properties for the more senior citizens of Cowbridge who wish to downsize and move closer to the amenities and facilities in the centre of town.

I realise that the site is prime for development and will probably sell to the highest bidder, which is understandable, but surely some consideration can be made when such developers submit planning applications, that will allow some apartments or bungalows for either the elderly or first time buyers.

Young people born and brought up in Cowbridge are not able to afford to live here, and have to go out of town.

Cowbridge has enough 'exclusive executive' properties. People who have lived in Cowbridge for many years are not able to downsize, as there are

not enough smaller properties.

Also, there is only Longmeadow Court or Southways that cater for elderly residents.

Additionally, as the lower school site belonged to Cowbridge comprehensive school, surely sympathetic use will benefit the residents of the town in the future?

It begs the question, why was the planning application turned down for flats on the site of the old British Legion Club at the rear of the town hall?

Yet planning was granted for three-storey properties.

I would be interested to know why.
Jan Ferris, Cowbridge.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is enough being done to cater for the housing needs of older citizens in Cowbridge?

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'Do local residents know what LDP really means for the Vale?'

WE are a recently-formed group of Barry residents who share some of Mr Chris Franks' concerns regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Council's proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) and the more than 300 candidate sites submitted within the county as a whole.

'Highlight Organisation to Protect our Environment' has no political affiliation and only intends to inform, not scaremonger.

We are fully aware that not all of these sites will feature in the final document but would like to take this opportunity to pick up on Councillor James' comments in The GEM.

He refers to these documents as being in the public domain for nearly three years, but we would argue that the public have not particularly been made aware that

they exist. Being in the public domain and being public knowledge are quite clearly two distinctly different things.

We would wager that most of your readers would not have been aware of them until recent potential housing developments came to light, and Mr Franks' comments were carried in The GEM.

At one meeting recently, there wasn't a single person present who was even aware that public consultation had already taken place on the LDP.

Could Coun James explain what form this took, what the outcomes are, and when the next consultation period starts?

Also, why isn't the wider public being made more aware of the due process taking place to create the new LDP?

There are a lot of people that don't even know what LDP is an abbreviation for, never mind what the consequences of it could be for them.

One of our aims is to make people more aware of exactly

what it will mean and how it could affect our communities and environment.

The Welsh Assembly Government suggests that there is a need for at least 7,500 homes to be built within the Vale.

We understand that the council would prefer that this housing development takes place within Barry, although there are no current proposals that we are aware of for improving the roads into and through the town.

We have 67 houses being built by Taylor Wimpey adjacent to Pencoeedre Woods and, across the road, the new crematorium is due to open in October this year.

We shan't know for sure until then what affect these two 'minor' developments will have on the already heavily congested Port Road - but we are less than optimistic.

Martin Coles, (Secretary, Highlight Organisation to Protect our Environment).

Island spending must show a 'net benefit'

THE GEM's recent article entitled 'As traders prepare for new season... is town making the most of its tourism industry?' is very topical and raises pertinent questions on the role of Barry Island and its tourist industry.

For many years, there has been a constant stream of projects that have focused on trying to attract tourists to Barry Island.

There seems to be unwillingness by both the council and some council taxpayers to accept that the Island may never even be economically self-sustaining as a tourist destination, let alone be an income-generating asset for the area.

The tourist parts of it bear more than a passing resemblance to the after-

math of a civil war: barbed wire and metal spike fencing left over from the Butlins camp; the rubble-strewn remains of the old Butlins camp itself; the dilapidated toilet block; and the bricked-up old shops on Nells Point.

If there is a proven case for Barry Island as a tourist destination going forward, then why are these often long standing issues allowed to endure?

We should not support the continued spending of significant money to either support a very small community of traders who work from Barry Island or to foster the notion that the island can be returned to an (almost mythical) place of attraction to visitors and inhabitants alike - unless that spending also provides a provable net benefit to the local taxpayer.

(Name and address supplied)

John says 'thank you'

THROUGH The GEM, I would like to thank all my customers who frequented John's Barber Shop (est 1986) in Church Street, Llantwit Major.

I have spent 25 happy years in the shop, but have had to retire due to sudden ill health.

Once again, I would like to thank my customers very much for their support and wish them well.

J L (John) Evans, Rhooose.

'Scaremongering' over Dinas Powys?

WITHIN the last two weeks, I have become aware of a very concerning letter that has been circulated around a number of areas of Dinas Powys by Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks.

The letter seems to present itself as some sort of warning concerning the imminent threat about housing development on about 400 acres of land around the village of Dinas Powys.

I was quite taken aback by this and in conversations around the village it is obvious that this letter has caused substantial worry and upset to residents living near some of the so called proposed development areas.

In one case, local Murch residents have already considered starting a campaign and petition, believing the building developments to be imminent.

It seemed quite obvious to me that many hundreds of houses were not going to be built on 400 acres of land.

Therefore, enquiries were made with the council offices to clarify what exactly is going on.

It appears quite clear that Mr Franks had been, to say the least, some-

what disingenuous.

The expressions of interest from landowners mentioned by Mr Franks were solicited by the council, so that they could have an indication as to who 'might' be interested in selling their land for development at a future date.

This is part of the medium to long-term planning that is being undertaken throughout the Vale.

Furthermore, there is no plan, or will there be any plan, to build houses on all 400 acres, and neither is there any proposal to build on any of the land in the immediate future.

So I am now left wondering two things: Firstly, why Mr Franks could not have checked this with the council offices himself, or with his Plaid Cymru colleagues on the Vale Council - unless, of course, it was 'politically convenient' for him not to know?

Secondly, why does he think that it is acceptable to put out such a piece of blatant scaremongering, which has already caused much confusion and concern in and around the village?

Nigel Streeter, Dinas Powys (Member of local Conservative branch)

Butlins reunion: calling all ex-staff!

IAM organising a reunion for all ex-employees of the Butlins/Majestic holiday camp, to re-unite old friends who worked at the campsite over the years it was open.

We are holding a disco/karaoke in Shadows nightclub (the old Dolphin) at 8pm - 2am on July 9.

We are looking for anyone who worked there and would dearly love to meet up with old friends. We have people coming from all over the country; the tickets are £5 each, purely to cover the cost of the hall, barstaff and disco.

If you require a ticket, please e-mail me on scottydotty1@live.co.uk or find me on Facebook.

I look forward to seeing you there. We held a reunion last year and it was great - we hope this year will be bigger and better!

Dot Boyle, Sully.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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22 Fri	11.08	9.4	23.23	9.3
23 Sat	11.51	8.8		
24 Sun	00.15	8.7	12.41	8.1
25 Mon	01.11	7.6	13.39	7.5
26 Tues	02.19	7.6	14.58	7.3
27 Wed	03.41	7.5	16.17	7.6
28 Thur	04.51	7.9	17.22	7.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where tide could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

'Zero tolerance' policy on alcohol is enforced by police on the Island

by TIM CHAPMAN

A large amount of alcohol was seized by Barry police over the weekend of April 9-10 – to enforce the tourist part of the Island as a 'no drink' area.

In recent years, the authorities have worked hard to project a family-friendly image of the resort and the message to day-trippers is "you can enjoy a day at Whitmore Bay or at the Pleasure Park, but you can't bring alcohol".

Police say that Operation Oasis resulted in the seizure of a large amount of alcohol, and that they are adopting a 'zero tolerance' approach so that families visiting the seaside can enjoy the day in peace.

Barry Neighbourhood Sergeant Matthew Rowlands said: "A police officer or a police community support officer has the power to confiscate and dispose of alcohol being consumed within any of the drinking exclusion zones in the Vale.

"If someone fails to comply with a request given by a police officer a fixed penalty notice of £50 can be issued and an anti social behaviour referral submitted."

He emphasised that penalties can be even higher. "Police officers also have the power to arrest and charge, and report for summons where the penalty



Some of the alcohol seized at Barry Island on day one of Operation Oasis.

can be increased to £500.

"Because Barry Island is a designated alcohol exclusion zone and a family resort, officers have been working in partnership with British Transport Police to confiscate alcohol from anyone found to be in possession of it."

Sergeant Rowlands added: "Day one of the operation saw a substantial amount of alcohol seized and destroyed by police."

The police have promised that high visibility patrols will continue throughout the coming months, and will be increased during the holiday periods and weekends.

Traders say the management of the Island by the the Vale Council and the police over the last two years has contributed to a rise in visitors.



Luke battles the odds to achieve dream of joining the Royal Welsh

LEFT: Luke, who has overcome the odds to become a soldier.

A 20-year-old Barry man has battled against the odds to fulfil a burning ambition to become a soldier.

Luke Pearson fought through his mum's poor health, homelessness, a period of unemployment and even sacrificed his rugby career, to pass out at Caterick on March 18.

His mother Debbie said: "I was the proudest mother there on the day."

Luke has now taken his place in the Royal Welsh Second Company, based at Tidworth.

His recent success follows a struggle that started when he dropped out of college at the age of 17, after gaining a diploma in art and design, because he wanted to help Debbie pay the bills.

Luke, a former pupil at Ysgol

Bro Morgannwg pledged to look after his family and train for his chosen career so that he could achieve his ambition of joining the Army by the age of 20.

After leaving college, he found himself unemployed but immediately went on any course the Job Centre had to offer including one on site safety to enable him to work on a building site. He also limited his rugby to avoid an injury which might wreck his dream.

Just as his Army join-up date came through, Debbie lost her job after suffering a brain bleed, leading to the home being repossessed and the family being made homeless.

Luke started training on September 19 last year in north Yorkshire and proved to be an

exemplary student despite worrying about both Debbie's poor health and her having to move into a hostel.

Debbie, who was rehoused in December, said: "In this day and age when young people are branded lazy and disrespectful, my son has proved that there are those willing to wait and sacrifice certain pleasures just to get a job which many would run a mile from."

"I was the proudest mother there on the day of the passing out parade."

"I know every other mother felt the same, but my son told me when he was 17 and dropped out of college to help me pay some bills, that he would join the Army by the age of 20. I am so proud of him."

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Traffic lights may be safety solution on the Barry Docks Link Road

THREE local councillors who have campaigned for safety on the Barry Docks Link Road, hope that a traffic light system might provide a long-term solution.

Over the years, Vale Councils of different political persuasions have made improvements to the road which has two junctions mid-way along it – one, Argae Lane, from the Dinas Powys side, and a second, Coldbrook Road East, on the Barry side.

The accident record in the vicinity of the Argae Lane and Coldbrook Road East junctions, for the most recent five-year period to December 22 last year, shows 14 road traffic collisions and 26 casualties resulting from them.

A recent meeting of the economy and environment scrutiny committee identified traffic signals as a way of providing extra safety for motorists. However, the Vale Council will hope that funds will be forthcoming from the Welsh Assembly and the East Wales Transport Alliance.

If a traffic light system does go ahead, councillors Neil Moore, Anne Moore and Fred Johnson will be relieved that a local road with a reputation for danger has been dealt with.

There have been concerns about safety on the link road for more than a

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

decade and Coun Neil Moore, who once served as 'chair of highways' and had carriageways changed at the roundabouts at Port Road and McDonalds, explained: "At the time, although I had worries about the safety of the road in general, I was concerned that the road layout was too dangerous. Since then things have improved."

However, he pointed out that there has been a significant increase in traffic and that the link road has continued to be a problem at the double junction of Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane.

Fellow councillor Fred Johnson pointed out: "We have worked with both highway and planning officers to get road improvements at the junction with Coldbrook Road East."

"We obtained money from the developers of the housing estates being built in Cadoc, and that is why the junction on Coldbrook Road was changed to a 'no right hand turn' onto the Link Road."

"This was the favoured option of highway engineers although at that time we asked for a roundabout; but as everyone knows this has not been as successful as it had been hoped and regrettably there have continued to be fatalities since those alterations took place. That is why

my colleague, Coun Anne Moore called for further reports"

In March 2009, after another fatality on the road, Coun Anne Moore requested a report to go to a scrutiny committee.

She recalled: "Unfortunately, the night before the meeting, there was another fatality. This obviously concentrated the minds of all the members and they agreed to all of our suggestions for improving road safety."

Coun Moore, who once avoided a collision herself with someone pulling out of Argae Lane onto the main carriageway, said: "At the meeting, a highways officer presented his report, along with photographic evidence of 123 illegal manoeuvres which were taken by a surveillance camera over approximately a three-week period."

"The evidence before us was frightening, as this clearly showed many incidents of people doing 'U'-turns on this very fast stretch of road."

The three councillors point out that the Docks Link Road is not an issue confined to one ward, but affects people who live in other parts of Barry, and those from Sully and Dinas Powys.

Other safety measures considered by the committee included high definition CCTV and the construction of a police observation point.

Coun Neil Moore also requested four other measures – a reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph from the Lidl's roundabout to McDonald's roundabout; two speed cameras; and the possibility of an elongated roundabout integrating the junctions if short term measures were not successful.

However, following consultation with the police it was decided not

to go ahead with a police lay-by or the high definition camera. Speed cameras have not been introduced because a survey in January 2010 indicated that speed was not an issue at the location.

Now it appears that traffic lights are the preferred solution.

Coun Anne Moore said: "Since the last report, speed activation signs have been installed which has helped."

"Recently, it has been agreed that the best solution is a set of traffic lights, which ironically is what we called for at the outset."

"Funding still has to be found to finally make this dangerous road safe."

"So, we now hope that funding can be found to place traffic lights at the junctions, but be assured, we will not give up as we believe safety has to come first and no more lives should be lost, no matter what it costs."

Andrew Loosemore, the operational manager for highways and engineering at the council, explained the steps it is currently taking on the link road: "We have recently been advised that a bid for this scheme should be progressed through the South East Wales Transport Alliance (SEWTA)."

"A meeting with SEWTA Road Safety Working Group will take place on May 6 and it is anticipated that we should receive further clarification on how this scheme will be prioritised in line with other scheme proposals and what WAG policies are required to be complied with. No other information is available at this time."

"Prior to making a bid, the proposed traffic signal solution needs to be reviewed by the council's highways and engineering department and a more detailed design and cost estimate prepared."

(See letter on page 2)



ABOVE: George Blink is hoping to impress the judges at the Mr Wales finals in July.

A YOUNG man from the Vale who will be competing in the final of 'Mr Wales' in July, is appealing for support from local residents.

George Blink lives in Llantwit Major and is a former pupil at C o w b r i d g e Comprehensive School – and he should certainly be at home on the stage of St David's Hall, Cardiff, where the final will take place.

Now aged 20, he is in his final year at Laine Theatre Arts in Epsom, Surrey, one of the UK's best performing arts colleges.

In fact, throughout his time in Cowbridge Comprehensive, George was no stranger to the spotlight, first applying his skills to line dancing – and becoming first

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

Welsh and then world champion!

He branched out into ballroom and Latin dancing as well, and was successful in a number of competitions in that discipline too.

After two years in theatre school, George has developed his acting and singing, and has also extended his dance education to include ballet, contemporary, tap and several other styles.

His theatre course has also involved signing up for pantomime work, and in each of the last two years, George has worked with Brian Conley in Southend-on-Sea and in the New Theatre, Cardiff.

He is aiming to follow a career in dance and told The GEM: "I will be leaving college in the summer, and everyone

George is looking forward to Mr Wales challenge ...and is calling on the Vale for support

has to get noticed, so I decided to enter the Mr Wales competition."

He is now one of 42 who will contest the July final, but ITV is going to feature eight contestants and follow their progress in the weeks leading up to the final.

George said: "It would be good to be one of the eight they select. We all have to try to raise money for the Joshua Foundation charity, so I am hoping my events might be featured."

George is planning to return to his roots and put on a line dance social, and is also planning a kayaking fundraising event. The dates have yet to be set.

So, what is involved in the actual Mr Wales final?

George said: "You have to parade along the

catwalk three times – in casual dress, in swimwear, and in evening dress – and there is also an interview with the host or hostess."

As far as the clothing is concerned, George is being sponsored by Dyfed Menswear, and he has plenty of support back home.

He said: "My belief is that if you put your mind to anything you can achieve it."

"You just need to stay focused, determined and motivated. I have a strong network of family and friends who are the backbone of my life and who support me in everything I do."

"I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead for me in the Mr Wales final."

For information on how to support George, visit www.GeorgeBlick.co.uk

Gwenfo pupils enjoy a right royal street party!



ABOVE: GWENFO School celebrated the Royal wedding early with a street party and had a memorable afternoon before breaking up for the Easter holidays, the school reported.

Facing fears on adventure holiday



Year-6 pupils from Holton Primary School recently returned from a memorable educational adventure holiday at Manor Adventure, Abernant in mid Wales.

Headteacher Andrew Gilbert reported: "Teachers and centre staff led high-quality sessions that were designed to instill confidence and provide a real sense of achievement."

"Activities included kayaking, orienteering, climbing, archery and team building exer-

cises. Even the school staff had to overcome their fears of heights and getting wet by participating in the activities!"

"The professionally-run centre commended all pupils on their behaviour and 'bravery' during the week long visit," he added.

Group learn all about the Glamorgan canal

MEMBERS of Barry's Positive Image Photographic Society (PIPS) have been treated to an excellent series of speakers during its 2010/2011 season.

This year's final speaker, PIPS' own Guy Butler-Madden, took PIPS members on a fascinating journey down the Glamorgan canal, from its heyday in the 18th Century to the current day.

Using old and new photographs, maps and satellite imaging to trace the canal on its journey from Merthyr Tydfil to the sea, Guy even paced out the former route of the canal in Cardiff's new St Davids 2 shopping centre at one point.

As usual, it was the little stories that stay with you; tow horses

feeding from metal nosebags were in real trouble if they slipped into the canal, and English barge owners solved this problem by simply making nosebags of wicker so water dripped through.

A picture of the soap works outing by barge with more than 120 workers, plus a piano and barrels of beer on board, looked at risk of sinking at any moment.

New members are welcomed at PIPS meetings, which take place at 7.30pm on alternate Thursday evenings in St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island.

To find out more about our 2011/12 programme of speakers, photo shoots, competitions and Guy's photostop sessions, please telephone Bernard Brown on 01446 408483.

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CLEAN-UP AT KNAP BEACH

Barry-based environmental group 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will hold a beach clean at the Knap beach on Monday, April 25, at 3pm.

Volunteers are asked to wear sturdy boots and appropriate clothing. At the March beach clean on Porthkerry Beach, nine bags of recycling and five bags of rubbish were collected by 19 volunteers.

Wenvoe garage theft

Police are appealing for information following a garage burglary between 4.30pm and 6pm on Thursday, April 14 at Greave Farm in Port Road, Wenvoe when three power drills and a disc cutter were stolen.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

A young mum's warning to families with pets

RIGHT: Emily Gould with her son Henno, daughter Lyana and family pet Tinkerbelle.

A young mother from Cadoxton has told how her young children were left distraught, after someone broke into their back garden, stole their toys and threw the family rabbit over the fence.

Now terrified pet Tinkerbelle is so afraid of humans, that she doesn't want to be touched by anyone.

Emily Gould (24) told THE GEM: "Last Thursday evening, we went out for just an hour at

around 6.45pm and in that time, toys were stolen from the garden and the rabbit was thrown over the fence onto the road.

"She was then thrown back over the fence. We took her for a check-up at the vet's because she was suffering from shock."

"Now the children can't hold her as she starts to shake."

Emily and her partner Jon, a steel worker in Cardiff, have three children, a son Henno (four), and two daughters

Lyana (two) and Orinda, five weeks. For Henno and Lyana the episode involving a much-loved family pet has been very upsetting.

Emily explained: "We contacted The GEM because we wanted people locally to be aware of what had happened, in case they have pets in the back garden, too."

"We have told the police and have got a crime number."

Police are now searching for the culprits.



Summer bus service in Penarth will not run after licence lost

THE summer bus service that linked popular parts of Penarth with its marina will not run this year, after the company lost its licence.

The P1 circular service, which was operated last summer by St David's Travel, was introduced on a trial basis in mid July 2010 in time for the school summer holidays and the Penarth summer festival.

A council spokeswoman said that the numbers using the service were very encouraging, particularly on dry, sunny days.

A repeat service this year was supported by both the Vale Council and Penarth Town

Council, and the previous operator St David's Travel did submit the cheapest tender, but the company has recently lost its licence to operate.

The council spokeswoman said: "The only other bus company interested in running the service put in a cost of approximately £250 per day. The service was operated last year on commencement at a cost of below £30 per day."

"Unfortunately, at this time, neither council can afford this additional sum of money to subsidise the service for the summer season; despite looking at other options, including a 'weekend-only' service."

Coun Jeffrey James,

the Vale Council cabinet member for planning and transportation, said: "I am most disappointed that despite my officers' best efforts, we cannot afford to rerun the successful P1 service this summer."

"There are, however, still many public transport options for the residents of Penarth and the many tourists who visit the town each year."

"Supported bus service 89, operated under contract by First Cymru Buses Limited, provides links between Penarth Marina, the town centre and other parts of Penarth."

The leader of Penarth Town Council, Coun John Fraser, also

expressed his disappointment: "Both councils have looked at every available option to rerun the P1 again this year but the escalation in costs has been dramatic and personally, I believe to be out of the reach of Penarth Town Council."

"I know that the service was welcomed last year and many residents and visitors were looking forward to using the service again this year."

"However, I have asked for a report to be presented to the council meeting on Thursday, April 21, at which the increased price will be considered and, if necessary, other options will be discussed."

Tesco meeting proves to be 'no help'

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She added: "We let them know that we did not want them and I think they were surprised by the fact that it was not easy for them."

Jan's concern was fuelled by a visit her husband Tony made to Rhose early last week. In 2010, a Tesco Express took over the site of the Mayflower public house.

Jan said: "Tony spoke to all the shopkeepers in Rhose and they said they were really struggling."

Jan and Tony are in their 14th year of trading on Castle Drive, and she added: "The only thing that will keep our businesses alive will be the loyalty of our customers."

Local politicians have backed the retailers.

Angela Jones-Evans, the Conservative Assembly candidate for the Vale, said: "At the community council meeting last week, I was impressed by the strong local arguments against the new Tesco store in Dinas Powys."

"As a supporter of local businesses, I agree that the current stores in Dinas Powys offer a full range of products for local people and that there is no obvious need for another retailer of this sort in the immediate area."

"I raised the point that large articulated lorries are highly likely to be used by Tesco for delivery of goods, as has been the case in other communities in the south Wales area."

"This has led to traffic problems and the churning up of roads and pavements. The Tesco representatives failed to reassure me or the others present that this problem would not be made worse by their lorries."

Dr Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, said the proposals for a Tesco on Castle Drive demonstrated the need for a new Planning Act by the Welsh Government.

Dr Johnson said: "The real issue here is that Tesco were able to come in and outbid other offers for the Castle Oak pub site and are able to change it to a supermarket without needing planning permission."

"If elected, I would like to see a change in planning legislation which would prioritise communities and assess community need in cases like this."

"There are already three convenience stores within only 20 metres of the proposed site."

Jane Hutt, Labour's Vale Assembly candidate, said the 'take-over' by Tesco and other big stores in town and village shopping areas should be resisted.

"This 'take-over' has now extended to the Castle Oak pub in Dinas Powys and I have joined the campaign, writing to Tesco chiefs, asking them to withdraw, in the interests of corporate social responsibility."

"Our local businesses and communities do not need yet another Tesco store," she insisted.

• Tesco has stated that the store will create 25 jobs, is a convenience outlet the size of a tennis court, and aims to serve a small catchment area of up to one kilometre.

FLOWER CLUB DEMO

ON April 27, the Penarth Flower Arrangement club is holding a demonstration evening starting at 7.30pm.

Mrs Barbara Priest from Hereford has the theme, 'Lights, Camera, Action,' so please come along to the Masonic Hall, Stanwell Road, Penarth. Telephone Ann Dobbins on 02920 703605 for further information. AC

Easter bonnets are on parade!

THE traditional High Street Bonnet Parade will take place tomorrow, Good Friday, April 22.

Judging will take place outside Forks cafe at 11.30am, and the parade then make its way up and down the High Street.

A traders' spokeswoman said: "The girls should wear bonnets, and boys can do fancy dress – although the

boys will stand a better chance of winning the main prize if the fancy dress has an Easter theme such as an egg or a chicken."

A fun party at Cubana's cafe bar with food provided by Chaplin's will follow.

The tickets are £3 – and that includes a meal, a drink, entertainment for the children and free entry onto the Monkey Mania Fun Bus – and they are available from Vic Hopkins and Son, and MJM Computers.

Arts centre the answer

I THINK the people who are writing in support of the care home complex instead of the Theatre Royal cinema at Barry are missing the point.

This is not a care home vs cinema issue – both are possible – but to tear down an historic and much loved building to provide such a facility is an astonishingly short-sighted and insulting suggestion by Hafod.

It is clear that the majority of people in Barry are bitterly opposed to this proposal. Any organisation that claims to hold the high ideals that Hafod suggests are its core motivation should, on discovering such a strength of opposition, have backed off and found an alternative.

If they are non-profit making, then why so keen on this site as opposed to somewhere less controversial?

Are the claims that they were making enquiries about the site before the Theatre Royal was hurriedly closed

Reader's view

true? If this is the case then, coupled with the fact that we know the cinema was still a viable business, we are entirely right to feel aggrieved and suspicious of an organisation that clearly has so little regard for the wishes of the wider community.

I wouldn't want a family member of mine to be under their care, if that is how they treat people.

I am not a member of SOCA, but no matter what the outcome, I hope they know that many of us admire the campaign they have run.

Fingers crossed, this badly-needed resource, complete with its original Edwardian theatre, will be preserved for future generations, so they too will not have to pay the exorbitant prices of the multiplexes.

The ideal solution would be an arts centre along the lines of Chapter, but showing mainstream film alongside alternative or specialised events.

What a wonderful draw and resource that would be for the town.

There could even be vintage cinema in the afternoons for enthusiasts and older residents. Elizabeth McCarthy, Barry

Holton Road fire is under investigation

POLICE were called to a flat in Holton Road, Barry, at 10.40pm on Saturday night following reports of a fire, which investigators have confirmed was started deliberately.

A spokesman said that a 22-year-old man had been arrested on suspicion of arson and remains on police bail, pending further enquiries.

Indecent exposure: police appeal

POLICE in the Vale are still searching for a man seen exposing himself at around 4.30pm on March 28, on a coastal path near Fontygary caravan park, Rhose.

He was in his mid 20s, was wearing blue jeans and dark blue top, had short hair, and was carrying a water bottle.

Anyone with information, should contact PC Tom Warren at Cowbridge Police Station on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Cowbridge Passion play at Holy Cross

CHURCHES Together in Cowbridge and district are putting on a Passion play with part-time actor Dale Gooding, written by Becky Middleton while she lived and worked in Cowbridge.

Now the Rev Becky Davis, she wrote the play for Cowbridge based on the Gospels and on the Chester Mystery Plays, with the author and all actors drawn from the town.

"We really can claim it as the 'Cowbridge Passion Play'. It was first performed in 1999 and the last performance was seven years ago", said spokeswoman Sue Freeland.

The play is being performed twice – once at 11am and again at

2.30pm on Good Friday, April 22, at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

Tickets £2, are available at the door or call Sue on 07896 830826.

She explained: "In the past, Good Friday was a very quiet day, with no shops or places of work open. Things have changed, and it is good to remember the events of the last days of Jesus' life and what we are celebrating when we have our chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday.

"This Passion Play hopes to bring the meaning of Easter alive and perhaps breathe fresh life into what may have become over-familiar for some people.

"So many people have been involved with the play, we hope that there will be two large audiences to appreciate the work."

GLADIOLI TALK

LLANTWIT MAJOR Horticultural Society will meet on Wednesday, April 27, at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

Mr Robert Evans from Pen y Fai will give a talk on growing gladioli. He won a Chelsea gold medal last year with his gladioli display and was a speaker at this year's RHS Spring Show in Cardiff with a talk on tulips in pots. Admission, refreshments and raffle free. All welcome to attend.

THE STAGECOACH CHILDREN BRING WEST END TO THE VALE



MORE than 200 children from Stagecoach Theatre Arts recently performed in spectacular fashion to a packed auditorium.

This special production featured musical theatre currently playing in London, and was brought to Barry Memorial Hall and Theatre 'Direct from the West End' by the talented children from Stagecoach Bridgend and The Vale.

Principal Helene Reynolds said: "Although we don't promote glitz and glamour, each one of them earned their moment in the spotlight, and it was wonderful for them to get such recognition for their effort and achievement week after week.

"They sang, danced and acted with great skill, confidence and obvious joy in the experience. We are so incredibly proud of them all."

PHOTOGRAPHS by LAURIE GOLDEN



Cowbridge area Bridge results

COWBRIDGE bridge results for April 11-12. Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, (club night April 11):

First, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner, 72.70 per cent; Second, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox, 61.79; Third, Mary Moore and Tony Disley, 56.82; Fourth, John Raymond and David Wright, 54.64; Fifth, Pat and Brian Swain, 53.93; Sixth, Sara Bartlett and Margaret Bancroft, 53.90; Sixth, Anne Hughes and John Edwards, 53.90.

There will be no bridge on Easter Monday, but if there are enough members available, we will open on Monday, May 2.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, (club night, April 12): First, Hugh Williams and Gordon Berrey,

63.10 per cent; Second, Pat and Brian Swain, 61.11; Third, Ann Miller and Judy Springett, 55.56; Fourth, Mary Thomas and Dennis Barker, 55.16; Fourth, Pauline McAllen and Margaret Bancroft, 56.16; Sixth, Terri Pollard and David Wright, 53.97; Sixth, Amy Owen and Glenda Roberts, 53.97.

Results for April 4; Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, club trophy third round:

First Anne Hughes

and John Edwards (61.81 per cent); joint second Vida Halford and Glyn Williams (58.1); joint second John Henson and Geoff Tinkler (58.1); fourth Ray Smith and John Evans (57.87); fifth Bill Turner and Steve Burgoyne (57.64); sixth Mary Moore and John Beard (57.18).

Congratulations go to Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox as winners of the Club Trophy for 2011.

Cowbridge and

District Bridge Club, Tuesday, April 5, club night:

First Pam Higgs and Joan Bird (60.32); joint second Amy Owen and Glenda Roberts (55.16); joint second Chris and Vince Bennett (55.16); fourth Pat and Brian Swain (54.37); fifth Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard (53.57); sixth Marian East and Pauline McAllen (53.17).

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Park's rides are better than ever!

AS Barry Island approaches one of the most important periods in the tourism calendar, the man responsible for providing entertainment at the Pleasure Park has promised even more thrills than last year.

Vernon Studt of VAW Studt Funfairs in Swansea moved new rides into the park last year, when he started leasing the site from Ian Rogers.

He told The GEM: holiday we are introduc-

"We are now in our second year and will be providing even more entertainment and excitement."

"Ian has moved away some of the old rides which gives space for more new ones."

Vernon, a showman through and through whose family business was founded in 1837, is confident the Pleasure Park is now heading in the right direction.

"We've got the 'Sling Shot' in for Easter. It is a reverse bungee jump which fires people 150 feet into the air."

"Across the May bank holiday we are introduc-

ing a ride called 'Speed' which goes 140 feet into the air at 62 miles an hour!

"These are rides which have never been seen before in Barry."

"We've got nine major rides and eight children's rides, and it amounts to a big improvement on last year."

The Pleasure Park opened for the spring and summer season on April 16 and Vernon said the reaction has already been positive.

"The vibes I've had have been very good. The other day I heard someone saying to a friend: 'It's getting back to how it used to be'."

Aside from the new thrill-a-minute rides, Vernon is still providing the traditional attractions such as the dodgems.

The importance of the park is that it is a centre-piece of the Island, providing spin off trade for other businesses. People who visit the park and Cafe Continental also wander down to the Promenade.

The park will be open every day throughout the Easter holidays and up to the end of the May bank holiday – then every Saturday, Sunday and bank holiday until the summer holidays.

Three times winner at lamb show



LOCAL farmer John Davies of Wern Fawr Farm, Ystradowen, near Cowbridge, won first prize at the Easter lamb show and sale in Abergavenny for the best pen of light lambs; first prize for the best pen of heavy lambs and the champion pen of lambs.

John and his wife Fiona sell their Glam Lamb at the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers Markets and online at www.glamlamb.co.uk.

John said it was "tremendous recognition" for years of breeding his own flock.

Burglaries: Man charged

A 31-year-old man has been charged with one burglary and two attempted burglaries over the weekend at Cwrt Ty Mawr and Dol Gwartheg, Penarth.

MP attends Dyspraxia Support Group meeting

VALE Dyspraxia Support Group had a visit from Vale MP Alun Cairns, who wanted to hear more about the problems children and young people with dyspraxia encounter.

The MP said that he had recently won an opportunity to propose a debate in Westminster on the provision for children with special educational needs (SEN).

Mr Cairns stated: "I have a particular interest in SEN issues and get frustrated and angry when parents have to fight for the appropriate provision. All too often there is insufficient speech and language and occupational therapy support, which can transform their quality of life."

"It's clear that early

diagnosis can reduce the hurdles and challenges faced by those who suffer from dyspraxia. Schools and teachers need support and training in being able to

recognise the signs and know how best to deal with the condition – rather than significant numbers of children being excluded for being naughty."



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'SMILE, PLEASE!'



ABOVE: The 'wedding' group poses for the camera.

Llanhari Primary School has Welsh 'royal wedding'!

LLANHARI Primary School celebrated its very own Welsh royal 'wedding' last week.

Everyone dressed for the occasion, the flags were out and a royal garden party concluded the official ceremonies of the day.

The afternoon began with everyone walking down the red carpet of the elaborately decorated hall.

Rev Pitman was dressed for the royal ceremony and staff and guests wore their best attire. Trumpets sounded and Welsh hymns were

sung.

The 'happy couple' left in their limousine and arrived to cheers at the garden party.

Headteacher Jeremy Phillips, said: "May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the school who worked so hard to stage the event, Rev Pitman for leading the service, Mrs Jeffs and Mrs Woodland for making the 'wedding cake' and, of course, the children for coming dressed for the occasion."

"May I also make a special mention of Miss Jones and Mrs Hatter for leading the event and

the term's work which led to such a wonderful day."

Trip to Kingswood
YEAR-6 had a great time at Kingswood at the end of March.

We were all really proud of our pupils, who were praised by the staff of other schools.

Many of them made new friends from other schools who they will meet in year-7 next year.

May I thank Miss Cleaver and Mr Pitman for looking after our children and attending the three-day residential



William and Kate, take note!

course in Shropshire.

Celebrations

AGAIN! the children of Llanhari have maintained the tradition and exceeded all expectations this year in the Easter Bonnet Parade and the Egg decorating competition.

The annual 'egg pacing' event also took place which was held outside in the yard. May we thank Mr Francis for judging the competitions and attending the Easter festivities.

Easter Bonnets winners
Class 1 – 1st, Lydia Welch; 2nd, Ben Price; 3rd, Mary Kate Stewart.

Class 2 – 1st, Kian Hucker; 2nd, Kieran Duhig; 3rd, Paris Vowles.

Class 3 – 2nd, Harvey Howell; 3rd, Eleanor Heaslip.

Class 4 – 1st, Levi Lewis; 2nd, Ethan Milsom.

Egg Pacing winners
Class 1 – 1st, Taylor Lewis; 2nd, Mary Kate Stewart; 3rd, Ben Price.

Class 2 – 1st, Jorja Maidment; 2nd, Lloyd Roberts; 3rd, Mason Apsee.

Class 3 – 1st, Cole Gray; 2nd, Kelly Ann Stewart; 3rd, Dylan Rees.

Class 4 – 1st, Katie Bartlett; 2nd, Zander Lowrey; 3rd, Evan Webb.

Class 5 – 1st, Conan Flower; 2nd, Luke Jones; 3rd, Caiyler Howell.

Class 6 – 1st, Joshua Heaslip; 2nd, Ross

Cooper; 3rd, Demi Rees. Class 7 – 1st, Cameron Minnett; 2nd, Sophie Wellington; 3rd, Jessica Wigley.

Decorated Eggs
Class 5 – 1st, Tamzin Phillips; 2nd, Angelica Svensen; 3rd, Tia and Logan Daddow. Class 6 – 1st, Luke Wigley; 2nd, Selena Lemoneigh; 3rd, Rasmus Thomas.

Class 7 – 1st, Niall Cudmore; 2nd, Carys White; 3rd, Rhys Griffin. Everyone who entered received a Cadbury's creme egg and the winners won an Easter egg. Well done!

A message from Mr Francis – our very own local historian.

I was delighted to attend the Pace Egg rolling custom at Llanhari Primary School. Mr Peter Townsend and I revived this ancient Easter custom about 30 years ago and I was told that we were the only school in Wales that then did egg rolling!

In earlier times, the custom was performed on any grassy slope up and down the land and usually by children. The custom, I think, has a religious origin. I believe that an egg rolling ceremony is still performed every year on the lawns of the White House in Washington DC.

It was nice to see all the pupils of the school rolling their eggs and enjoying the light hearted competition.

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Crossing patrols to continue next term

A DECISION has been made by the Vale Council to provide continued cover at four temporary school crossing patrol posts for the forthcoming summer term.

The four school crossing patrols, two sited at Dinas Powys, one in Penarth and the other at Cadokton, were employed on temporary contracts which came to

an end on April 15.

The council had looked to employ additional mobile patrols, which could provide the flexibility of being able to patrol any sites where their presence was needed.

However, following the council advertising for these positions, no applicants have come forward.

As a result, the existing four temporary patrol officers have been offered new temporary

contracts to make sure the sites are not unstaffed during the summer term.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Council, said: "It has been clear for some time that the council will be undertaking a full review of all school crossing sites to decide which ones require a continued school crossing presence."

"When this matter was discussed at cabinet, I made it abundantly clear that I would not want to see these sites left with-

out patrols in advance of concluding that review and undertaking full risk assessments.

"It is extremely disappointing that there were no applicants for the mobile officer posts but faced with this I am satisfied that we have been able to act quickly and decisively so these sites have patrols in place next term."

"I am also extremely pleased that the previous post holders have indicated that they are in a position to patrol these sites next term."

Coun Jeffrey James, cabinet member for planning and transportation, added: "It's critical that these sites are patrolled, pending the review that will be undertaken, and I'm very pleased that they will continue to be staffed."

"The council's position has not changed on this issue."

"We have always said that the sites would be staffed next term and this remains the case."

A DOG LOVERS' DAY OUT IN COWBRIDGE!



For more photographs by Paul Jones, go to Valeevents.co.uk



DOG lovers were out in force recently in Cowbridge for a Sunday morning canine celebration.

A community dog walk and 'dog do' took place at the Barefoot Studio car park, Eastgate, and was organised by HubCowbridge.

Organiser Debbie Cooke said: "More than 40 dogs and 80 adults and children came along."

"A circular walk in glorious sunshine took in footpaths around the town that were unfamiliar to many, and included a climb up to Mount Ida for the fitter dogs and owners, giving fantastic views over the Vale."

"Thanks go to Steve Harkett from Cowbridge Museum, who entertained the walkers with his historical knowledge of the area."

"After a cooling doggy dip in the River Thaw at Twt Park, it was back to Barefoot Studio carpark, where the Dogs Trust put on obedience demos and dogs and owners took part in fun and games - with treats donated by Arthur John and Co."

"Stefano from West Farm Vets was on hand for pet health advice, Catherine Price and the handsome golden retriever puppy Blake, from Vale Guide Dogs Puppy Walking, were able to raise money with their tombola, and Sheena from Cowbridge WI supplied reviving elderflower cordial."

"Setting off down the High Street was a fantastic sight. Seeing so many people in the community coming together was very fulfilling and more than £50 was raised for Dogs Trust."



Police plea for witnesses

POLICE are re-appealing for witnesses to a fatal collision that occurred on Saturday, March 12, shortly after 6.20pm, at Broad Street, Barry.

A spokesperson stated that Mrs Sheila Westoll, from the Barry area, sustained serious injuries after she came into contact with a grey coloured Volkswagen Passat driv-

en by a 53-year-old man, the incident. Mrs Westoll died on Friday, March 25.

Sgt Louise French said: "If you recognise yourself as the driver of the silver Fiat Punto, or know who the driver could be, please contact police."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the roads policing unit on 01656 869332, 101, or Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555 111.

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Barry College award winners.

End of an era at Barry College as students celebrate... FINAL AWARDS EVENING BEFORE MERGER

BARRY Memorial Hall played host to the annual Barry College awards evening – the sixth and last before it merges with Coleg Glan Hafren to become Cardiff and Vale College in August.

To mark the end of the Barry College era and the beginning of what will be one of the biggest colleges in south Wales, student of the year, James Fraser, was commissioned to design an artwork to celebrate more than 50 years of the college.

It was printed on a special commemorative

mug for guests. More than 300 people were welcomed by Barry College Principal and Chief Executive Kay Martin.

The guests enjoyed a three-course gourmet meal prepared and served by Barry College hospitality and catering learners and staff.

Kay Martin then gave a review of the year, before more than 60 students and staff received awards at the ceremony.

Awards were sponsored by local and national organisations, with their representatives presenting the relevant award to each winner. The University of Glamorgan and

University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC) were the main sponsors of the event.

The ceremony was hosted by TV presenter Francis Donovan.

One winner was Shani Payter, a 46-year-old from Penarth who returned to education to study an access to higher education (humanities) course.

"I'm chuffed to win this award – I'm really over the moon. It's a big shock!" Shani said.

"I wanted to go to university and realised I needed more qualifications. It was a bit daunting because I'd been out of education for so long. I lived out in South

Africa for a while, and I ran a nightclub as well. After that I'd been with the family business for years and really wanted to do something different so I went to College for an interview."

Shani is now studying housing policy and practice at UWIC. She wants to specialise in antisocial behaviour and work in housing.

Cross college and staff awards celebrated learners and staff chosen for outstanding achievements.

Samuel Massie (19) and from Cowbridge, won a cross college award for his work on numerous engineering courses, culminating in him being accepted on to the Pathways to Apprenticeships programme sponsored by British Airways Maintenance Cardiff (BAMC).

"I had finished my GCSEs and wanted to do something more technical."

"I picked up a brochure for ICAT and I decided to take up a course in Aero to see where that would lead me," Samuel explained.

"When I was younger, about 13 or 14, I wanted to be a pilot, but I was diagnosed as dyslexic, which meant I really couldn't be one."

"Seeing as I was interested in technology and was good with my hand skills, I thought – why not put the two together and work with aircraft? That was why I was interested in Barry College."

Staff awards were presented, along with the Principal's award for learner of the year.

The winner was James Fraser who started on a part-time GCSE art and design course and left with a WJEC Foundation Diploma,

which led to a place at Bath Spa University studying fine art.

James had also been commissioned to produce a unique piece of artwork – 'Celebrating Success – Dathlu Llwyddiant' – to commemorate the college's final year before its merger.

Following the presentation of the awards, Chair of Governors Peter Cope gave a vote of thanks, congratulating all the award winners.

Winners

Shani Payter, Phillipa Bates, James Butcher, Jenna Heffernan, Gina Hollinshead, Christopher Weedon, Emma Toogood, Andrew Cooper, Andre Marquis, Alec Brereton, Naomi Gilfillan, Gary Carpenter, Pauline Hall, Mitchell Farleigh, John Powell, Dorota Jakimowicz, Daniel Reynolds, Susan Thorne, Sarah Hayes, Nicole French, Laura Hamilton, Nathan Linskey, Lisa Coughlin, April Havard, Sarian Thomas-Jones, Sandra Kubanska.

Principal's awards

WORK-BASED learning, Jordan Price-Davies; School Link, Christopher Renee; HE of Glamorgan, Sian Jones; Contribution to college life, Danielle

Brigham; Learner of the year, James Fraser.

Staff awards

TEAM AWARDS: Cardiff Construction Training Centre Welsh Baccalaureate team, Enterprise and innovation team, Estates team, Hospitality Glamorgan

Suite team, Marketing and Communications team, VGTA Quality team.

INDIVIDUAL STAFF: E-learning support assistant Kate Ellaway; Director of Learning (teaching and learning), Emil Evans; motor vehicle technician, Samir

Karim; learning assistant, Alison O'Brien; NVQ co-ordinator work based hospitality, cleaning and customer service, Chris Williams. Employer/partner award: Outstanding contribution – British Airways Maintenance Cardiff. CB

Fight will go on against fracking

by PHILIP IRWIN

CAMPAIGNERS against a controversial plan to drill for shale gas, are planning to continue their fight against the process of 'fracking' – and link up with campaigners around the UK.

The application by Coastal Oil and Gas to do exploratory drilling at Llandow was withdrawn last week (as was reported in *The GEM*) but the company has said that it will be submitted again in the near future.

Louise Evans of 'The Vale Says No' campaign told *The GEM* that the fight will continue.

She said: "Nothing the company said at the recent Cowbridge public meeting reassured me."

"In fact, the more I learn about the techniques involved in 'fracking', the more I want to make sure that it is banned throughout the UK."

She said that the group will be linking up with other groups to pursue this campaign wherever fracking was suggested.

The group has called for a moratorium on fracking, and has

been supported in this call by Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt.

At that public meeting, concerns about the future water supply for Cowbridge were raised by local resident Dr Chris Pearce.

Mr Pearce quoted from a letter sent out to by Dwr Cymru Welsh Water in 1996, announcing the "mothballing" of a local borehole into an aquifer, in favour of a new supply from the Llyn Brianne Reservoir in the Towy Valley.

However, the letter had said that the borehole could be brought back into use in an emergency, and Dr Pearce raised his concerns that contamination could occur in the fracking process.

Jane Hutt welcomed the news that Coastal Oil and Gas has since withdrawn its application.

She said: This is a victory for the 'Vale Says No' campaign which was set up a few weeks ago to oppose the drilling for gas in Llandow.

"We must be vigilant now to oppose any further applications for this test drilling in the Vale."

MP joins voluntary concern workshop

TRUSTEES of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC) have held a development workshop – to consider how to improve their support for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Now in its 40th year, DPVC is a registered charity and provides care, transportation and assistance to the disadvantaged in the village.

Members were joined at the workshop by Alun Cairns MP to show support for the excellent work of the vol-

unteers. Led by Alan Higgins and Mike Robinson, chairman of the trustees, more than 40 residents attended the workshop.

Mr Cairns reported: "I enjoyed attending the morning workshop with the DPVC trustees and volunteers immensely."

"I thought it was a really positive workshop that demonstrated to me how willing and able the members and volunteers of DPVC are to adapting to the changing needs of the residents of Dinas Powys."

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Airport looks on the bright side as bmibaby flies away!

CARDIFF Airport was looking on the bright side last week, when news came that the low-cost airline bmibaby was pulling out.

The airline currently flies to 10 European destinations from Cardiff, and this will cease at the end of the summer.

However, in a statement the airport pointed out that bmibaby had seen its passenger numbers in Cardiff fall, from 34 per cent of total passengers in 2006/07, to less than 14 per cent in 2011.

A spokeswoman said: "Cardiff Airport is disappointed, albeit unsurprised, at bmibaby's decision to withdraw from Wales altogether."

"The airline has also announced it is withdrawing from Manchester Airport."

"Since 2002, both Cardiff Airport and the Welsh Assembly Government have provided significant support for bmibaby to operate in Wales as the nation's low cost carrier – only to see this announcement."

"It is regrettable that bmibaby has cited the economic climate as its reasons for withdrawing both in Manchester and Cardiff, as both regions have demonstrated

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

strong economic prospects.

"Cardiff Airport looks forward to working with other airlines and other partners in order to facilitate increased opportunities going forward."

"Last month saw the start of the Helvetic Airways four-weekly service to Zurich, achieved through a joint partnership approach."

The managing director of Cardiff Airport, Patrick Duffy, was reported as saying that the departure of bmibaby "cleared the decks" for existing airlines to expand, or for a new one to operate from Cardiff."

The Labour candidate for the Vale in the Assembly elections, Jane Hutt, said: "It is very sad that bmibaby is leaving Cardiff Airport. Although they had run-down their presence and scheduled flights at Cardiff over the past couple of years they will be a loss – both in terms of services for customers in south Wales and in revenue for the airport."

"It is essential that one or more new operators are secured and I'm certain that the new Assembly Government will be working closely with Abertis – the air-

port's owners – to enhance the number of routes to and from Cardiff."

The Conservative Assembly candidate for the Vale, Angela Jones-Evans, said that her party had made a manifesto pledge to seek to establish a direct air link between Wales and North America.

She said: "As US companies remain the biggest group of inward investors in the south Wales economy, there could well be a case made for such a route."

"Given the importance of an international airport to the Vale economy, the attraction and retention of foreign direct investors, as well as the development of tourism, I would make it a priority to work with Cardiff Airport as well as organisations such as Cardiff & Co and the airlines to secure such air routes at the earliest possible opportunity."

The Plaid Cymru candidate, Dr Ian Johnson, said: "The biggest concern for us locally must be the jobs of people working at Cardiff Airport. I hope the management there are pulling out all the stops to find replacement flights and routes that will offer airport users value for money and a range of flights."

THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Colin Osborne, and his wife Ruby, recently held a masked charity ball at Dyffryn Gardens.

The 'masked guests' included John Major, Alan Sugar, Cheryl Cole, David Beckham, Madonna and even a Meerkat! Dancing was to music from the Bridgend Big Band.

Coun Osborne said: "I would like to thank all the individuals, companies and councillors who supported this event. It was a wonderful evening and raised just over £2,200 for the Mayor's charities".

He also thanked the local companies who had made donations and had sponsored the event.

Mayor's masked charity ball proves a winner...



In the photograph, above, with the Vale Mayor and Mayoress are Mr Chris Hopkins and his guests from Ted Hopkins Limited.

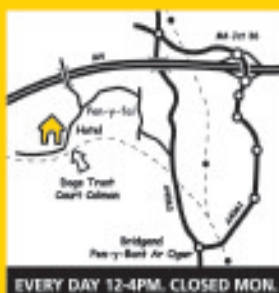
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EASTER IN PENARTH

SPECIAL Easter services are taking place in the parish of Penarth All Saints.

On Good Friday (April 22) there is a children's service at 11am, followed by hot cross buns in the hall. From 12 noon to 3pm, there will be Good Friday devotions.

On Easter Saturday, the Easter Vigil service begins by candlelight at 7pm.

On Easter Sunday in All Saints there will be Holy Eucharist at 8am, an All Age Eucharist service for all the family at 10 am, and Evensong at 6pm.

At St Peter's Old Cogan (off Sully Road) there will be Holy Eucharist at 3.30pm.

TABERNACLE SERVICES

THE Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major, will open for prayer and meditation, led by the Minister, Rev Duncan Ballantyne, on Good Friday, from 12 noon until 3pm.

Holy Communion is on Easter morning at 9am, led by Rev Ballantyne, followed by breakfast.

Easter Sunday worship at 11am will be led by Mr Michael Ford of Barry, followed by refreshments.

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg celebrates a wide range of achievements by pupils



Science pupils enjoyed a theatrical performance in 'science week' and also participated in workshops at the National Museum and Techniquet.



Pupils have been raising money for the Mount Carmel School in India.

India appeal

The Welsh class year-9 set 1 has been busy collecting money for Mount Carmel School in New Delhi, India.

Bro Morgannwg has connections with schools in New Delhi through the 'UKIERI' project.

Megan Thomason from the class and her mother are going out to India during the Easter holidays and wanted to give them a small donation on behalf of the school. The class has raised £380.

On to Swansea!
A large contingent of talented pupils will be travelling down the M4 in May to compete in the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Swansea.

They triumphed in a highly successful county eisteddfod in March, with the junior choir, junior girls choir, junior llefaru group, junior and senior dramatic presentation groups, senior ymgom,

Georgina Griggs – musical solo, Megan Morris – harp solo and the junior folk dancing team all winning in competitions against Glangat and Plasmawr schools.

Congratulations to all pupils involved and to the staff who have dedicated hours to the practising.

'Spelling Bee'
Pupils from year 7 have been participating in a project organised by 'Routes into Languages' entitled Spelling Bee.

The aim of the competition is to improve spelling and vocabulary in French.

All pupils have been competing keenly in their classes and a grand final was held in March to ascertain which pupils would represent the school in the South Wales final.

Lois Aled, Nia Fenn, Nia Brown and Terry James were worthy winners. Many of the finalists are pictured with Mr Paul Mason from the Modern Foreign Language



Cory Allen.

Department.

Sports reading club
The school has established a new reading club which meets on a weekly basis with Mr Paul Mason our modern foreign language teacher.

The year 8 boys are avidly reading sports magazines which range from Rugby World, Match, Kick to Dr Who, Beano and Nintendo.

This is one of the many schemes at Ysgol y Fro to promote reading amongst our pupils. We would like to thank Mr Paul Mason for organising this special reading club.

BBC news report
Fortunate pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 have thoroughly enjoyed the experience recently of creating news bulletins for the BBC as part of the BBC News Report Project.

They were able to participate in a question and answer session with Huw Edwards and Sian Lloyd, and they also planned and filmed their own bulletins which were shown on the school and BBC's website on March 24.

Highlights included Cory Allen's first cap for Wales Under 18's at St Helen.

Budding reporters – watch this space.

Academic success
Congratulations to two year 13 pupils Catrin Williams and Kristie Higgins who have been awarded entrance scholarships



Dafydd George.

to the University of Wales Aberystwyth.

Kristie will study history, whereas Catrin has chosen to study Welsh and German.

International honours

Following hot on the heels of Cory Allen who won his first representative honors during the season when he played for the Wales under-18 rugby team against France, fellow year-13 pupil Steffan Jones has been chosen to represent Wales schoolboys under-18 team against Northern Ireland.

Everyone was delighted to be able to follow his exploits on Sky Sports!

Year-9 pupil Dafydd George completes the trio by winning his international vest in a cross country meeting between Welsh, Irish and Scottish Schools recently.

Dafydd came a creditable 22nd place in this race representing Wales under 15s.

Science department

It has been an extremely busy time in the science department.

Year-9 enjoyed a performance of Science Junkie and Year 7 & 8 saw a performance of 'Gofynnwch wrth Wallace' by Theatre Na Nog during 'National Science Week'.

Sixth formers studying biology have been further afield participating in workshops at the National Museum and Techniquet.



Youngsters who took part in the 'Routes into Languages' project.



Kristie Higgins and Catrin Williams.



Pupils helped to create news bulletins for the BBC as part of a current affairs project.



Celebrating raising money for the Mount Carmel School.

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunshine (and brambles) on a stroll in the Forest of Dean...

THE weather couldn't have been more fitting, when eight walkers joined Terry and Val on a trip up to the Forest of Dean as bright sunshine welcomed them upon their arrival.

They began from the picnic site of Wench Ford, situated along the valley from Blakeney.

The group entered the Forest of Dean and began by climbing up through blossoming gorse bushes and every ramblers' nightmare, brambles!

They stopped further on in bright sunshine for morning coffee with glorious views across the Severn Estuary before continuing along quiet lanes and through fields, then by way of a disused railway track to reach

Gatcombe.

Once noted for salmon fishing and exporting timber which was shipped to Milford Haven and Plymouth, the waterfront originally had a quay, stone and timber pier and a slipway.

When the south Wales main railway line, which runs through the hamlet was built in 1851, everything except the quay on the landward side of the railway was destroyed.

Gatcombe's most famous resident was allegedly the Elizabethan mariner Sir Francis Drake (1540-1596) who sailed around the world in his ship, the *Golden Hind*.

The group stopped for lunch where they had fine views across the Severn Estuary to Sharpness, famed for the Gloucester and

Sharpness canal.

Leaving Blakeney, a small, thriving village, the group took the steady climb to once more reach the Forest of Dean.

On April 23, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate/hard walk at

Pontneddfechan and the waterfalls; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On April 26, meet 9.30am at Cogan for a 5.5-mile easy walk to the Giant's Bite from Quakers Yard; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

JOY STRANGWARD

Antiques road show with a difference!

MERTHYR MAWR WI NEWS

DURING the March meeting Merthyr Mawr WI held its very own 'Antiques Road Show' with John Owen from Cowbridge, who talked about his collection and brought along a few items of his own.

He then commented on items brought by members and a very enjoyable evening was rounded off with coffee and bara brith to celebrate St David's Day.

At the end of March, members enjoyed a day trip to Llancaich Hall, a very interesting his-

toric house

In April they held a fashion show arranged by Samantha of Eweny and were treated to a lovely show of clothes. Some of our members acted as models and I am sure many of us visited the shop the next day!

President Margaret Batten reminded members of the half yearly council meeting on May 4, in Porthcawl and the annual walk on May 25.

The next meeting will be on May 4, at Eweny Community Hall and it will be the resolutions meeting. Members were reminded to read the magazine beforehand so they can have a good discussion.

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THE BARRIANS WHO WON THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Local military historian and Headteacher of St Cyrys Comprehensive School, Dr Jonathan Hicks, tells the story of more Barry men's courage during the First World War.

THE Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) was instituted in December 1845. The ribbon was plain crimson until 1916; white edges were added in 1916-7, and from August 1917 three white stripes. The medal was made of silver. The obverse showed an effigy of the monarch and

the reverse a crowned laurel wreath inscribed 'For meritorious service'.

Originally intended as a reward for distinguished or meritorious service, in January 1917 this was extended to include individual acts of gallantry not in the presence of the enemy.

January 1917 saw the award of a Meritorious Service Medal to Company Quartermaster Sergeant Thomas J Rees, formerly of 135 Gladstone Road, Barry, who prior to enlistment had been a journalist on a local newspaper. He won his award for 'conspicuous bravery'.

Sergeant Idris David (seated in the accompanying photograph, right) won the MSM for his work with the Royal Army Medical Corps at a casualty clearing sta-

tion on the Somme in 1916. He went without sleep for three days and nights, tending the wounded of that great battle. After the war, he set up in business as a pharmacist in High Street, Barry.

At St Mary's Hall, Barry Docks in February 1918, during a meeting at which Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, MP addressed a gathering of discharged soldiers and sailors, Sapper T Coshier, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, whose home was at 11 Henry Street, Cadoxton, Barry, was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal.

Sir Arthur explained, in making the presentation, that Sapper Coshier won the distinction at Rouen, on March 9, 1915. Two trains, one containing officers and the other men, were standing stationary near an ammunition dump of 2,000 tons of shells, when the latter began to explode. He, being an engine driver, volunteered and brought both trains safely out of danger. Sapper Coshier was one of the first National Reserve men to be called at the commence-



The Meritorious Service Medal.

ment of the war, and was the first to gain distinction.

Sergeant Major T J Huxter of the Royal Air Force in Palestine, who was mentioned in General Murray's dispatches, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in May, 1918. When an apprentice at the Barry Railway Locomotive Works, he joined the Royal Field Artillery at the commencement of the War, aged only 18. He was subsequently transferred to the Royal Flying



Idris David.

Corps, and sent to Egypt in 1915, being promoted to the charge of one of the aeroplane depots in Cairo, as technical sergeant major.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs R Huxter, of 17 Guthrie Street, Barry Dock.

Sergeant Edgar H Young (Headquarters Staff), 119th Army Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, eldest son of Mrs H Young, 27 St Nicholas Road, Barry, who went to France soon after the beginning of hostilities, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in June 1918. Edgar Young was

formerly on the editorial staff of the 'Western Mail' at Cardiff.

Sergeant Gwylim Jenkins, Welsh Regiment, was also awarded the MSM. He was the son of Mr Edward Jenkins, Biglis Farm, Cadoxton and had enlisted in 1914.

Jonathan Hicks' new crime novel 'The Dead of Manet' is to be published by the Welsh Books Council in May. Copies can be ordered now through book-sellers or Amazon. He will be signing copies of his new novel at Barry Library at midday on Saturday, May 21.

Countdown search for the unsung heroes



Gordon Black.

ENTRIES are being sought for the 2011 Wales Care Awards which honour the skill and devotion of people who look after vulnerable children and adults.

The awards were introduced nine years ago by Care Forum Wales to inspire excellence in the care sector and among those honoured at the 2010 Awards ceremony, was former carpenter Gordon Black, from Barry, who won the

coveted title of exceptional newcomer.

"When I make a cup of tea and see a smile on a face that's good enough for me. There's nothing better than that," he commented.

This year's glittering event will again take place at City Hall in Cardiff, in October.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 29, the day of the Royal wedding. The organisers say they would be delighted if service users nominated carers if they thought their efforts should be recognised.

CHARITY FUN

THE Millwood Inn pub is holding a charity fundraising day for Help for Heroes on bank holiday Monday, May 2.

There will be a barbecue at 2pm; live band Static Action at 3pm; lots of raffles, 1950s fancy dress and army theme; family fun.

COFFEE MORNING

THERE will be an Easter coffee morning in Llantwit Major Bowls Club on Saturday, April 23 from 10am - 12 noon. Price is £3, including tea/coffee/cake/free top up. There will be an Easter egg raffle, cake stall and bric-a-brac stall.

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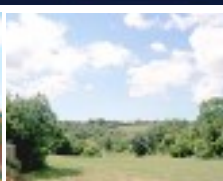
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Potholes: 'Time for drivers to complain'

RECENTLY, my car would not move from its parked position and so I had to call out the AA Home Start.

A nice man diagnosed the problem straight away – both front suspension springs were broken and it seems this is now a common occurrence.

Chris Pope's garage in Llantwit Major told me he is regularly getting three or four cars a week to fit new springs, all due to pothole damage.

Modern cars are built for smooth roads and not for off-the-road pot holes, he said.

There is a very dangerous ongoing problem of potholes that festoon Vale roads.

The damage to the springs also ruined the tyres and broke the brake pipes.

Had I been travelling at the time, a fatal accident could easily have been the end result.

The council say they are lacking funds and are trying to get money from the Government for the repairs – but they are playing with people's lives on our already dangerous roads.

Why waste money sending men out with yellow markers to select a few holes and leave others right next to them?

Those left will get worse, and yet again a man will have to come out with his yellow marker – and so on, *ad infinitum!*

I shall send my £200 bill to the council, although I know they will not take any blame because I cannot identify the exact pothole(s) and the number of similar claims means there are too many already.

Please do complain and try to claim if you are in this unfortunate situation.

It just might make them sit up and take notice.

WE Henderson,
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'WE ARE LOSING WHAT IS PRECIOUS TO OUR TOWN'

IWOULD like to thank Mrs G Neil of Clive Road, Barry Island, for her kind comments regarding my film 'Barry and The Island'.

I certainly hope that this DVD is also bringing back memories for many others.

I, myself, do not

remember much of Butlins or the Knap Lido, but I did attend the cinema quite frequently.

For those who have watched the film, you will note that there is a section about the Theatre Royal which is now going to be demolished and made into a care home.

It is to be built in a very foolish place and

it will take away any possibility of ever having a cinema there again. History has repeated itself.

Landmark building?... do me a favour! I read that this care home will help with the regeneration process:

I welcome anybody who can tell me how a care home can possibly regenerate Barry in

any way.

Last Friday, a local resident, who had seen my film, came up to me and remarked, 'there isn't anything to do in Barry anymore.'

I agreed. So what's left? Keep watching the leisure centre because that's probably next to go.

And since the council have no imagination whatsoever, we're likely to see more flats and houses.

I remember when I first set eyes on the Dock/ Waterfront plans and saw lots and lots of houses...and a supermarket!

Apparently, there is a tourism department in Barry; this is news... when are they going to start?

So, while I thank those who are watching my film and thank those who do care for this place, I also condemn those who are willfully ripping out the heart of this town. Michael James Moore
Film maker, Barry Island

Euphoria of last crossing patrol!

MY last day on road crossing patrol at Romilly passed by on a sea of euphoria, from judging the 'little-uns' Easter bonnets to being presented with an ornamental Japanese cherry tree and gardening vouchers from the children and staff.

Throughout the day, people showed their appreciation with kind words, cards and gifts, too many to mention, and the centre piece of the day was the banner, which is now adorning my wall at home.

I send my heartfelt thanks to those parents who made a cash contribution to my leaving gift and instead of buying me something I didn't want, I now have a whacking big token to spend on something I do want – and believe me, I am pondering on that one!

A huge piece of my heart goes to those wonderful, crazy mums who formed a human chain across the road, so I

could do - 'The Walk' - my last journey across my piece of road in Park Crescent, which has been my second home for the last nine years or so; and even more thanks for the patience of the motorists.

As I have said before, it has been my privilege and pleasure to keep people safe and share in the lives of all those people who have crossed with me.

I wouldn't change one single happy moment.

So Romilly, it will not be the same, because, traffic lights don't smile at you or say good morning, or ask how you are.

They don't sing happy birthday, or tell you the weather forecast – but just remember to wait for the green man and you will stay safe and if you don't, I swear I will come back to haunt you!

Thanks Romilly, for the gifts, the love, the hugs, for being you and for making my last day, and all the days that went before, so special. I'll see you soon.
Joy Strangward
Barry

Gritting factors to be considered

WE write in response to Clare Curtis' letter in The GEM on April 14.

The report presented to scrutiny committee (economy and environment) on April 5 dealt with, amongst other issues, the gritting of roads in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It set out the criteria used when deciding whether any additional roads should be added to the gritting schedule.

Currently, 43 per cent of the highway network is treated. Whilst no guidance has been given

by the Wales Audit Office, the English Audit Office recommends that highway authorities should routinely treat between 25 per cent and 38 per cent of roads.

It is not, however, possible to treat all roads. Estate and other minor roads without an appreciable gradient are generally not treated.

It is also not possible to treat all bus routes.

During the cold spell, and in particular between December 17-28, 2010, we spoke to officers about the provision of grit bins and also made requests for certain roads in Dyfan ward to

be treated.

The issue, however, has to be looked at strategically, and is dependent on available workforce, equipment and the availability of salt.

On April 5, committee was informed that the winter maintenance budget had been over-spent by £300,000.

Clearly, the financial position also has to be considered.

No decision has yet been taken as to whether or not there will be any changes to the schedule for 2011/12. The decision will be made by officers in consultation

with the cabinet member for visible and building services.

Clare Curtis should be aware of this as her husband, Coun Rob Curtis, was, of course, the cabinet member for visible and building services between 2006 and 2008.

We will continue to actively press for Meggitt Road and Winston Road to be included in the schedule for 2011/12 and will keep residents informed as to progress.

Coun Katherine Kemp and Marguerita Wright,
Dyfan ward, Barry,

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Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale:

Tuesday, April 5: First, Mick Green and Denis Mottram, 62.71 per cent; second, Celia Thomas and Huw Thomas, 56.46; third, Anne Johns and Eileen Hughes, 55.26; Mick and Denis also won on handicap.

Tuesday, April 12: First, Huw Thomas and Celia Thomas, 61 per cent; second, Denis Mottram and Noelle Bond, 54%; third, Mick Green and Mike Close, 52; Huw and Celia also won on handicap. New members are always welcome at Barrivale; for more information call 01446 733425. MB



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Explosive end for St Athan water tower: – a case of now you see it, now you don't!

A crowd gathered at RAF St Athan on Sunday, April 17 to witness an explosive event – the demolition of a giant water tower.

The tower took just a couple of seconds to collapse to the ground, followed by a large cloud of smoke.

The explosive experts used 10kg of explosives which were placed strategically in 250 holes around the tower. It led to a perfect execution with no damage to nearby buildings – two were just 10 metres away from the tower.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' sequential record of the event, it was a case of 'now you see it, now you don't'!

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Fourth outing of this horror franchise is certainly nothing to Scream about!

WHAT'S your favourite scary movie? – was spoken at the start of 1996's *Scream*, it marked a watershed in the horror genre.

Taking a gentle poke at the conventions of the horror film, while similarly creating a whole new set of scares, the franchise delivered two sequels, the second living up to the first, while the third followed the traditional law of diminishing returns.

So it is all the more surprising that 11 years later, the fourth *Scream* movie hits cinemas.

Reuniting the original's director, Wes Craven, and writer, Kevin Williamson, 10 years have passed since the murders, and Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell), returns to the town of Woodsboro to promote her new book.

However, Sidney's return soon sees a spate of murders that draw in cast members old and new (including Courtney Cox, David Arquette, Emma Roberts and Hayden Panettiere)...

As knowing as the original *Scream* was, its impact has diluted in the past decade with the

horror genre falling into a grisly phase with the likes of *Hostel* and the *Saw* films.

So its reappearance was seemingly a statement of intent from Wes Craven and Kevin Williamson that no matter how much gore and shock value a film may have, it can't beat the slasher template for jumps and scares.

It is a statement that rings hollows based on the evidence here, as *Scream 4* is an all-too-perfunctory retread of past glories, and though it seems in part it is the intention to parody itself, the end result just doesn't cut it (excuse

the pun).

That both Craven and Williamson were involved is a testament to the fact that they felt this was ground worth revisiting, and while Williamson's script bristles with digs at the way horror films have gone over the past decade, and knowing winks at the way genre rules have changed as a result, it all too often feels like an update of the original, rather than a film in its own right.

Craven is well at home with post-modernism, having also helmed the return of Freddie Krueger from sequel-hell in *New*

Nightmare, a film that similarly took digs at the genre that fed it. While he obviously directs with a relish for bloodletting, there are very few real jumps and scares, the murders feeling too built-up and lacking any punch.

The cast, like any slasher film, are there more for looks than acting performances, but the returning triumvirate of Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox and David Arquette all fit back into their roles with aplomb, albeit with 10 years of baggage.

Meanwhile, the likes of Emma Roberts, Hayden Panettiere, Eric

Knudsen and Rory Culkin all make for solid bait for the ghost-face killer, whose menace can't disguise his WWE-style ability to absorb pain!

However, the decent performances can't salvage a film that, while clever in deconstructing the world of the horror movie, doesn't make for a good scary movie.

Perhaps Kevin Williamson intended the film to be like this, but too much winking and not enough imaginative slashing makes for a dull horror film, something exacerbated by Wes Craven's inability to bring anything fresh

to the table.

While not disgracing the franchise (that honour going to *Scream 3*), it is a rather limp return and *Scream 4* fails to leave you wanting more.

VERDICT – A poor outing all round, *Scream 4* might make some salient points about the status of the horror genre in today's Hollywood, but fails to scare up much in the way of jumps.

Kevin Williamson's script seems more concerned with point scoring, and Wes Craven's direction all too often cruises along, leaving the film to be one you

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH
JAMIESON

wouldn't *Scream* about. Average. SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Scream*, *Halloween*, *I Know What You Did Last Summer*.



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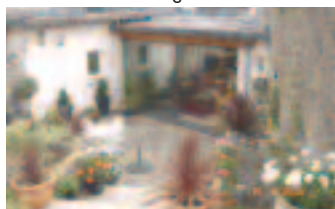
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SPRING is definitely in the air in Cowbridge – and also in the step of the shoppers, who have been flocking to the town in the lovely sunshine.

The Easter weekend and next week's royal wedding have both been influencing what people are buying and many shops have an Easter theme, with lots of bunnies and chicks on display.

And the fashion and shoe shops are enjoying a bit of a boost, as people freshen up their wardrobes with this season's new styles and colours.

Awen Evans of High Society and Havana, who is also with the town's chamber of trade, said that the royal wedding was definitely having an impact.

"A number of guests going to the wedding have been in town looking for their outfits," she said. "And where better to come? We have some lovely shops selling fabulous clothes so people know that they have a good choice."

Awen pointed out that there were strict rules of etiquette for royal weddings and those who are attending that their outfits have sleeves and respectable hemlines, with the ensemble topped off by a fabulous hat.

"What's striking this year is that strong



Anthony Taylor of Gaskell and Walker solicitors.

colours are popular," she reported. "We are seeing lots of cerise, purple, green and teal as well as neutrals like camel, silver and platinum, which is a darker tone."

"The usual pastels like pink, pale blue and lemon are not much in evidence this year."

As for what the bride will wear, Awen and her colleagues have been asked by BBC Wales to speculate about what THAT dress could look like.

"They have recorded a piece which will be broadcast on the morning of the wedding and after the ceremony, they will be back to ask us what we thought of the dress," said Awen.

"I think that Kate will go for a simple, classical dress. She is very elegant and that is how she dresses."

"I think we could see a vintage look, with old lace being used as part of the dress."

Awen commented that vintage is a very popular trend at the



Rachel Best and Amy Theophilus - Fun Foundations Nursery



Sam Edwards of The Shop/Gifts

moment not just for wedding dresses, but in general.

"We expect this dress to have a huge impact on the design of wedding dresses from now on. We know that many brides will be wanting to have the look."

...and vintage is something that Cowbridge caters for in spades! The Happy Days vintage and hand-made market at the back of the Duke of Wellington has a number of stalls providing clothing, accessories, china, furniture, Welsh blankets, embroidered tablecloths, ornaments – you name it.

The market brings in people from all over the UK who enjoy its eclectic mix of items and



Craig Lamont, manager of Shoecare

also its homely atmosphere – promoted by the tea room serving home made cakes on vintage china like all our grannies used to have.

The market is the brainchild of Sarah Legg and Nicole Burnett, who own many of the stalls, but also rent out space to others.

Sarah stated that vintage was huge at the moment: "We had someone from Scotland in here the other day who had heard about us and there was also somebody from London. This boosts trade for everyone in Cowbridge, because once people have made the trip, they will have a good look around."

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Sarah felt that the venture was going really well and a big attraction is the recycled clothes on the Sliced Bread stall, which Sophie Creed of Treos restyles.

Sophie creates one-off items using various materials imaginatively to create totally unique pieces.

"It's a new twist on vintage," explained Sophie. "I rework clothes by adding in something here and something there. No two garments will ever be the same."

Sophie goes to car boot sales and charity shops to find the basic garments and also the materials she needs – which could range from old table cloths and curtains to sheets.

The centre is also the base for a successful knitting club each Monday afternoon, where knitters – and non knitters – are welcome to enjoy a cup of tea and a natter.

This is run by Sue Mayo, who has a wool stall in the market, where she sells hand dyed yarns and her own ceramic buttons, which she designs herself and has specially made.

Sue loves knitting and is always willing to give help and advice to people just learning the skill.

"I started knitting

when I was a little girl because we had an old lady living nearby who used to knit for a living," she explained. "She started me off and used to give me bits of wool and other materials. I have knitted ever since."

She said that knitting was now back in a big way, with people getting together to knit all over the country.

The centre also offers plants, hanging baskets and planters and this is the domain of Cath Jones, who has given up her teaching job to turn her hobby into her livelihood.

She and her husband use their garden and an allotment to grow plants and Cath will be selling vegetable plants in pots shortly, as so many people find it difficult to grow from seed.

The plants make an attractive entrance into the centre and also give possible customers a chance to see what's on offer.

In fact, many of the shops have plants on sale at the moment and they make the town very attractive and colourful.

Recycling clothes and other items is also a big theme for the charity shops in the town. They are urging people to have a clear-out of their wardrobes and cupboards as part of a spring clean.

Theresa Seldon of

the Red Cross shop in Penny Lane, reported that people were coming in looking for a new outfit for Easter, and new stock was arriving all the time.

"People need to keep looking as we have new stuff every day. We have a mix of new customers and our regulars."

The shop does get vintage clothes, but it does not have a separate section for this and puts everything onto the rails, so customers have to have a good look through.

"I know that this is very popular but we are too small to operate a separate section," she said.

Lois Boutique, owned by Sue Marshall, has moved into the former Sanders shoe shop, which gives it lots more room. The old boutique is now a shoe shop – which helps retain choice for shoe shop-

pers in town.

Ceri Staziker of St Nicholas, was in there looking for a pair of black sandals and was accompanied by her six-year-old daughter Gwennan and her mother Janice Webber, who lives in Cwmavon but is moving to the area shortly.

"I love shopping in Cowbridge," she remarked. "It's got a wonderful atmosphere and it's very friendly. I am fed up with towns which are nothing but pound shops and multiples. Here, the shops are nearly all locally owned."

Dawn Payne is one of the women who work in the shoe shop and she said that it was a big hit with customers, increasing the choice for people.

Barbara Davies works in the boutique and said that the new premises gave them a lot more room, meaning

they could carry more stock and offer greater choice to customers.

"The customers have been very supportive of the move," she said. "We also have new people coming in all the time," she said and added that many people had already bought new fashions for the spring, though new stock is arriving all the time so there is still plenty of choice.

Sport now pays a big part in the life of the country – whatever the season. Football and rugby naturally have huge followings, while cricket and tennis are also very popular once summer arrives.

...And Cowbridge has a shop that caters for almost all sporting tastes: Jensen Sports Shop in Eastgate has been open seven years and is owned by

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The couple are able to offer considerable product knowledge to customers.

Graham was a professional footballer in his younger days, playing in the A team at Manchester United when he was 14, and then playing in the Northern premier league.

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ABOVE: Lucy Campbell and Josh Edwards, Funky Fish pedispa
LEFT: Jeff and Nikki Jones of Liquorice Laces.



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He is still a keen follower of all sports and having the shop keeps him up to speed with new developments in things such as boots and shoes, and also the latest refinements in sports kit.

Cowbridge has an impressive range of shops – including a well stocked book shop, a fantastic traditional ironmonger's in the form of Arthur John; lots of shops selling items for the home; good quality food shops including a proper butcher, delicatessen and greengrocer; shoe and handbag shops, jewellery and antique shops as well as the fashion shops for which it is now renowned.

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Joanne Gower,
Beaver Scout
Leader,
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TWYN-YR-ODYN, coffee and chat meeting, Horse & Jockey public house, May 4, at 11am.

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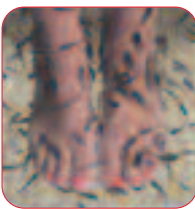
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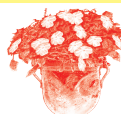
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So where will you be on April 29? A Bank Holiday has been declared.

Parties are being planned in streets, clubs and halls all over the nation, as well as the Commonwealth, and about one billion people will be watching the wedding unfold on the TV and internet.

The happy couple themselves are said to be "on cloud nine" as they make first preparations for the big day.

THE OCCASION

William and Kate have been "very much in charge of the arrangements", according to the prince's private secretary Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton - choosing a spring date and wanting the public to get behind the occasion.

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Kate, 29, was said to have fallen in love with it on a private visit after their engagement in November last year.

She will spend her last night as a commoner at The Goring Hotel, in central London, with her family, including her brother James and sister and maid of honour, Philippa, known as Pippa.

With the sapphire and diamond engagement ring worn by Diana on her left hand, she will make her journey to the wedding in the Queen's Rolls-Royce Phantom VI limousine.

After leaving the hotel at around 10.30am, the princess-to-be will travel along The Mall, Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall and Parliament Square.

Surrounded by well-wishers and the lenses of the world's media, all eyes will be on her dress.

THE DRESS

It is thought palace officials took advice from Vogue editor Alexandra Shulman as Kate sought a designer for the all-important gown.

Shulman is believed to have recommended Sarah Burton, creative director for Alexander McQueen, who took over the British fashion label following McQueen's death last year.

But there has been speculation Diana-favourite Bruce Oldfield has the job, after Kate's sister and mother, Carole, visited his shop in February.

The final design will not be announced until the day, but the slim brunette is likely to wear a full length white, ivory or cream dress with sleeves, a train and a veil.

Kate will change at least once during the day and she is rumoured to have commissioned a hat from famous milliner Philip Treacy.

THE CEREMONY

Waiting nervously at the altar of the Abbey, with his brother Prince Harry by his side as best man, Prince William's attire is easier to predict and will doubtless attract far less attention.

The flight lieutenant, 28, is expected to follow royal tradition by marrying in military dress – his RAF uniform.

His bride will make her way down the aisle on the arm of her father, with her sister and a group of bridesmaids and page boys, at 11am.

Around 2,000 guests, from across the world, will look on as the pair are married by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. The Dean of Westminster will conduct the service and the Bishop of London will give the address.

William and Kate have chosen the music and hymns, and the prince will place a ring made of 18 carat Welsh gold on his bride's finger. Gold from the Clugau St David's mine in north Wales



has been traditional for royal rings since the Queen Mother chose it in 1923.

THE PROCESSION

Now husband and wife, the pair will emerge in waiting carriages before proceeding towards Buckingham Palace in an open top State Landau carriage.

The wedding party, including William's father, the Prince of Wales, and the Queen and Prince Philip, will appear on the balcony, where the pair will kiss for all the world to see.

THE RECEPTION

Once they bid goodbye to the crowds and make their way inside Buckingham Palace, the couple and their extended



William and Harry, Soldiers

“Kate just fell in love with the Abbey on a visit last year”

families pose for official photographs – likely to be taken by Hugo Barnard.

The festivities will continue with 600 guests at a lunchtime reception.

In the evening, 300 closer friends and family stay for a dinner given by Prince Charles, during which Prince Harry should make a speech as best man.

THE HAPPY EVER AFTER?

As the newly-weds begin their honeymoon, the scale of this occasion will begin to sink in. Kate will wake as a member of the Royal Family and a worldwide celebrity and William as a married man who can fulfil his duties with a companion by his side. Whatever their marriage holds, their wedding will create memories for us all.

WHICH SIDE WILL YOU BE WATCHING?

They may have had their request for 3D cameras rejected by the palace, but the Royal Wedding will still be covered in high definition by all the major broadcasters.

The BBC's coverage will be anchored by Huw Edwards.

David Dimbleby had for many years been the main presenter for state occasions, but has been pipped by the Ten O'Clock News presenter – who chaired the Beeb's coverage of the Pope's visit in 2010.

ITV is going for a more laid-back approach with This Morning star Phillip Schofield at the helm, alongside News At Ten's Julie Etchingham. ITV News presenter Mark Austin, Alastair Stewart and Mary Nightingale will also feature.

The Sky News line-up should include Dermot Monaghan and Adam Boulton. Amanda Holden, Piers Morgan and Ben Fogle have all won roles as commentators for US networks.

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We can expect to see members of the public sitting alongside heads of state, such as our PM, at the event.

John Hayley, the landlord of Kate's favourite pub near her Berkshire family home is one of the 1,900 lucky enough to be invited.

He'll be joined by 80 people from charities and organisations supported by the prince.

Polo and university friends will show up, as will Sir Richard Branson's children Holly and Sam.

Some 90 royals, 60 governments-general and prime ministers from Commonwealth countries and 30 members of the military will attend.

And stars including David and Victoria Beckham have confirmed.

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AS readers will know, Tracy, Mark and staff at the White Lion, Ystradowen have a growing local reputation for charity campaigns – as shown by their efforts in 2010 for ‘Help for Heroes’.

This year, they have raised the bar in support of their newly-adopted Breast Cancer charity; they have refurbished the Lion and included in the exercise a full-on PINK paint makeover to the exterior walls.

“By and large, our existing customers are growing to like the new image,” Tracy Bell reported. “It is certainly attracting a lot of attention and some new restaurant business for us! But our principal aim was to draw attention to the start of our Campaign for Breast Cancer.”

“The new Breast Cancer care unit for Cardiff and the Vale is being built at Llandough hospital and will receive the profits of all ticket sales from a series of forthcoming events.”

The White (and Pink) Lion's campaign begins on April 29 when the pub will host its own ‘royal wedding’ with customers being asked to arrive in the guise of guests invited to the ‘other event’ in London!

There will be raffles, spot prizes, and special offers on their range of beers. The pub is looking forward to welcoming the ‘likes’ of the Duke of Edinburgh, Harry, Andrew – and perhaps even Her Majesty! Elvis too will be making an appearance.

Watch out for the pub's vibrant pink convertible car driving around advertising this worthwhile event. (Artwork provided by Elite Signs in Bridgend).

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'Love is in the Heir' becomes royal tippie

A Barry brewery is likely to be making a name in royal circles with a new addition to its production line – 'Love is in the Heir' – which celebrates the nuptials of Prince William and Katherine Middleton.

The Vale of Glamorgan Brewery has made a name for itself in capturing the 'zeitgeist' or 'spirit of the age', and has concocted a traditional Welsh brew to give its customers the opportunity to toast the happy couple on April 29.

Last year, when the Ryder Cup was held at the Celtic Manor, the brewery brought out a



ABOVE: Prince William hangs out of a helicopter, a wedding ring in his hand, on the Vale of Glamorgan Brewery's latest pump clip.

'Tiger Would' beer, poking fun at Tiger Wood's love of the ladies. The brewery's pump clip showed a busty blond holding out a golf ball.

This time, the brewery have a pump clip which shows Prince William hanging out of a helicopter, and holding a sparkling wedding ring between his fingers.

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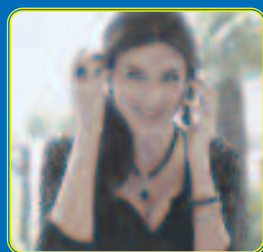
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This procession will be full of history and centuries of tradition

This journey is the highlight of any royal wedding and the route holds many memories. Here Sarah O'Meara points out landmarks...

Kate Middleton will be transported along a well-worn path to start her new life as a member of the Royal Family. After spending the night at The Goring (a favourite haunt of the late Queen Mother) she and father Michael will wait for her royal limousine.

Luckily, the pair won't have to factor in the traffic, as their 10-minute journey to Westminster Abbey will be cleared.

While the journey may be little more than a mile long, it is packed with centuries of history and tradition.

As future royal brides have done before her, Kate will be driven down the avenue of The Mall, along Horse Guards Parade, through Whitehall to arrive in Parliament Square and step out at Westminster Abbey.

For the first time since 1963, there will be no horse-drawn carriage arrival. Prince William is set to leave St James's Palace with Prince Harry 10 minutes before his future bride, then head through Horse Guards Arch onto Whitehall – the same journey taken by the brothers as part of their mother's funeral procession.

But the real magic begins when William and Kate make the return journey as husband and wife. The couple will emerge to a truly awesome spectacle – including military bands and mounted regiments.

A procession of horse-drawn State Landau carriages will take them and the family back to Buckingham Palace.

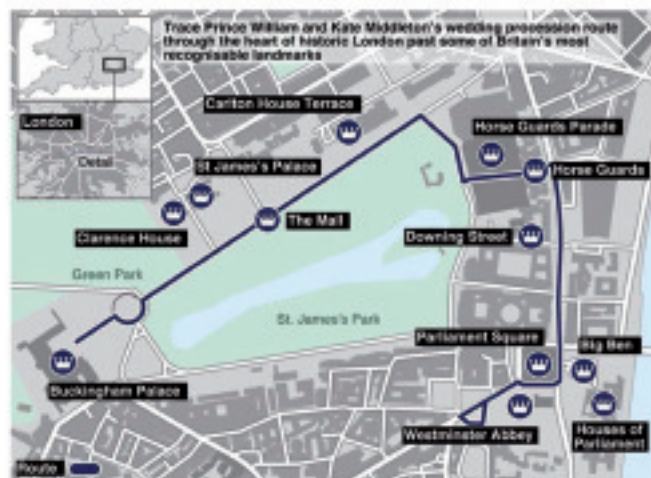
They will pass the stooped statue of Winston Churchill in Parliament Square, the Palace of Westminster, and the entrance to Downing Street as they travel down Whitehall.

Horse Guards Parade will be familiar to William as the venue for the annual Trooping the Colour ceremony, celebrating the Queen's birthday. Then they will begin a triumphant parade down The Mall.

Back at the palace, as his parents did in 1981, Prince William will gather Princess Catherine in his arms on the balcony for their first public kiss.

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When they tie the knot Kate and William will be part of a story dating



back to 1066 – when future monarchs began using the Abbey for coronations. It was in this building that William's uncle, Prince Andrew, Duke of York, was married to Sarah Ferguson in 1986 and his aunt Princess Anne was married to Captain Mark Phillips in 1973.

The Abbey is a Royal Peculiar, which is a church belonging to the monarch.

During the Second World War, Abbey treasures and medieval tombs were protected with around 60,000 sandbags.

At the west end of the Abbey's nave lies the grave of the Unknown Warrior, whose body was brought from France to be buried here on November 11, 1920.

ROUTE HIGHLIGHTS

The Goring: Eschewing overblown grandeur, Kate has opted to stay in the understated The Goring, a five-star hotel just outside the walls of Buckingham Palace on the night before her wedding.

The Mall: With Buckingham Palace in her rear-view mirror, Kate will travel along The Mall, passing near Clarence House, the official residence of the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall, Prince William and Prince Harry and St James's Palace and park.

Whitehall: This road leading from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Square is at the heart of Government, with Downing Street leading off it.

Parliament Square: On entering the iconic square, Kate will pass by Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

Westminster Abbey: Almost 1,000 years ago, King Henry I was married to Matilda of Scotland, marking the start of a succession of royal weddings, and coronations in this gothic Abbey.

Fit for a prince

Prince William will indulge his sweet tooth on his wedding day by tucking into a chocolate biscuit cake, one of his childhood favourites.

William asked McVitie's to create this teatime treat as an alternative to the official fruit wedding cake by designer Fiona Cairns.

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1150g (5oz) each plain and milk chocolate, broken into pieces
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50g (2oz) golden syrup
150g (5oz) sultanas
150g (5oz) ready-to-eat prunes, chopped
75g (3oz) pistachios
200g (7oz) shortbread, roughly crushed.

Method

1. Line a 900g (2lb) loaf tin with two layers of cling film, leaving excess hanging over the sides.
2. Put the chocolates and butter into a large, microwave-safe bowl and heat for 30sec bursts until melted and smooth. Stir in the syrup, fruit and nuts. Next, carefully fold in the shortbread.
3. Spoon mixture into the prepared tin and freeze for 2hrs or chill in the fridge until set (about 3hrs).
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"There was something very special about Kate... our love just sort of blossomed"

William apparently fell for her naughty sense of humour, while Kate had a crush on him at school. **Kate Whiting** reveals the love story behind the wedding...

When a beaming Kate Middleton, wearing that now iconic blue Liza dress, posed for engagement photographs in November last year, history was set in motion.

The eyes of the world will be on the couple when they make their vows and the hope will be that this fairytale wedding has a happier outcome than that of William's parents.

In fact, Kate may be wearing Diana's sapphire and diamond engagement ring, but that's where the similarities end.

While Diana was only 20 when she said "I do" to Prince Charles, Kate will be 29 and a university graduate who is happy in her own skin.

When a friend said she was lucky to be with William, Kate reportedly quipped: "He's lucky to be with me."

Though technically a commoner, Kate comes from a wealthy middle-

class family and has benefited from a stable, happy childhood.

She is the eldest child of Michael Middleton, a businessman, and his wife Carole, a former air hostess, who own a five-bedroom house in Bucklebury, near Newbury, Berkshire.

Her parents run a mail-order company called Party Pieces and she has two younger siblings, James and Pippa, her maid of honour. She went to the £15,000-a-year Marlborough College, where she played netball and hockey.

Having met William at the University of St Andrews, in Scotland, where they initially both studied the history of art, Kate is on an equal footing with her future husband and is five months his senior.

She caught William's eye in the first year when she strutted down the catwalk at a charity student fashion show in a see-through, lace dress.

They lived near each other in halls of residence then moved into a townhouse in Fife with friends in their second year, where, as William said, their love "just sort of blossomed".

"When I first met Kate, I knew there was something very special about her," he said following their engagement announcement. "But we ended up being friends for a while and that was a good foundation."

Kate remembered being very nervous when she first set eyes on the



prince. "I think I went bright red and sort of scurried off!" she recalled.

The first confirmation that William and Kate were an item came when they were pictured sitting together on a ski lift at the royals' favourite Swiss ski resort of Klosters in 2004.

Their relationship apparently flourished during romantic weekends alone on the Queen's Balmoral estate

and during a trip to Kenya in the summer of 2005.

After university, Kate was determined to set up a children's clothes firm. She joined the fashion chain Jigsaw in 2006, but left the job a year later to work for Party Pieces.

Her acceptance into the Royal Family was evident when she graced William's graduation ceremony as

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Married life for William and Kate will bring challenges, familiar territory and perhaps a new name for them both.

Royal men receive a title after their wedding, so William may be made a duke and Kate a duchess.

Despite their titles, they will slip back into their routine as a Forces couple after their honeymoon.

Flight Lieutenant Wales, as William is known, flies helicopters with the RAF Search and Rescue Force in Anglesey. While he rescues stricken seamen, Kate will be the dutiful wife at their remote North Wales home.

They could live in an apartment at a royal residence when in the capital, possibly at Kensington Palace or Buckingham Palace. And their first official overseas trip is being planned to Canada from June 30 to July 8.

But the question is: "When will we hear the pitter of tiny feet?"

William said: "We'll take it a step at a time. We'll sort of get over the marriage first and then maybe look at the kids. But obviously we want a family."

an Army officer at Sandhurst. When she spotted him in his uniform, she apparently told him: "It's so, so sexy."

It hasn't been plain sailing, though. The pair split in 2007, which friends blamed on William's Army life.

"At the time I wasn't happy about it, but it made me stronger," Kate said.

The pair were rumoured to have rekindled their romance when she

attended the Prince's memorial Concert for Diana in July 2007.

Sitting apart in the audience, they were seen kissing at the after party.

While the world only learnt of their engagement last November, they had been planning it for "at least a year".

William said: "I wanted to concentrate on my flying and I couldn't have done this if I was still

doing my training. We both just decided now was a really good time."

The prince proposed at a remote mountain lodge on holiday in Kenya.

William said: "I had done a little bit of planning to show my romantic side." This included carrying his mother's ring around in his neckscarf.

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
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September 1995: He begins his boarding-school life at Eton College.

August 1997: His mother Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash.

September 2001: William begins his art history degree at St Andrews University, he later switches to geography, graduating with a 2:1.

March 2002: He pays £200 to watch Kate model in a charity show.

December 2003: William and Kate become an item, it is believed.

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January 9, 1982: Catherine Elizabeth Middleton is born at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

May 1984: Her family moves to Jordan, where she attends a nursery.

September 1996: She enrolls at St Andrews prep school, in Berkshire.

Spring 1996: Kate begins life as a boarder at Marlborough College.

September 2001: She goes to St Andrews University, urging William to stay when he finds it hard to settle.

June 2003: Kate attends William's 21st birthday at Windsor Castle.

March 2004: She joins William on the ski slopes of Klosters, making their romance public.



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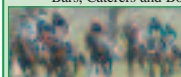
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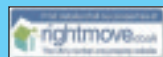
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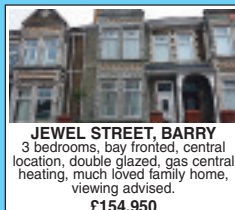
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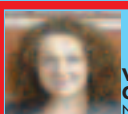
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Following a well attended "first wood" of the season at Barry Island last Saturday, members are ready to mark their 2011 milestone in style.

Playing a significant role in proceedings this summer will be a trio of specially elected "centenary match captains," in recognition of their achievements in the sport worldwide over many decades.

The three are Gareth Humphreys MBE, Russell Evans and Jim Morgan, and they will share the captaincy in six special matches during a busy season.

A browse through Athletic records reveals that the three - each one a magnificent bowler in their glory days - have brought a plethora of titles to the club at Commonwealth, British, Welsh and county levels.

Russell Evans is known as far afield as New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, not to mention the home countries, as the perfect "gentleman of bowls" on and off the green, and is Barry Athletic's longest serving member, having joined the club in 1951.

His list of bowling honours would stretch the entire length of any green, such is his remarkable playing record.

Jim Morgan struck gold at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986 in the fours, to add to the bronze medal he won in the pairs at Edmonton, Canada, eight years earlier.

Jim, a strict disciplinarian on the green and a respected member of the society, was a member of the club in 1911.

Sunday service

FRIENDS of the mediaeval listed Church of St Lawrence at Lavernock Point are holding an Easter Sunday service at 3pm on April 24, led by the Friends' honorary chaplain, the Rev Margaret Stark.

The organist will be Miss Anne Thomas. All welcome.
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school of bowlers, joined the Athletic in 1961.

He was a Welsh international from 1972 to 1988, and, in recent years, made a major contribution to the Welsh Indoor Bowls Association as a selector, team manager and executive member.

Jim also played a leading role in the Welsh Bowls Umpires Association for almost thirty years.

Gareth Humphreys, a doyen of Welsh bowls for many decades and an international from 1963 to 1978, represented Wales at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand and went on to become team manager of the national bowls squad.

Gareth has made an enormous contribution to his sport as a player, administrator and coaching advisor and two years ago was awarded an MBE for services to Welsh bowls.

He has been honoured by many organisations and has received the Welsh Sports Council and the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales scrolls of honour, both well deserved.

Gareth has also compiled and edited a comprehensive centenary brochure.

Barry Athletic, the only Welsh private greens club in the town, formed a centenary committee in 2008 with former Wales tourist chief executive Don Evans named as chairman.

The club also creates a unique record this season by appointing a brother and sister as 2011 team captains.

Robert and Bethan Horgan, both Welsh internationals, will lead the club on the domestic front.

Sprightly octogenarian club chairman, Alf Pidduck, believes the future of his club is bright judging by new youngsters showing exciting form at local and county level.

Barry Athletic are also fortunate in having Garry Gane as a supplier of vital funds with his successful bonus-ball scheme.

Centenary celebrations will conclude with a dinner at the Masonic Hall, Barry, in September.

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Bradley's Ystradowen 'win double' as point-to-point gears up for Bonvilston Grand National

THE Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National over three-and-a-half miles will be run at the Penttyrch Hunt Steeplechases at Redlands Park, Bonvilston, on Saturday.

First held back in 1983, when it was won by Cowbridge's John Llewellyn aboard Donald Dix's *Mr Moneybags*, the race has produced many exciting finishes and the following year, 1984, *Loch Raven* dead-heated with *Wine Talk*.

There was another dead-heat in 1989 when *Katesville* dead-heated with the previous year's winner *Knock On The Head*, ridden by local rider Paul Hamer. Ian Brice, who lives within walking distance of the course, won it with *High Guardian* in 1998 and local rider Paul Sheard pulled off one of the biggest shocks in the history of the race when he scored on *Its Only Me* in 2006 when the race was shortened from four miles to three-and-a-half miles.

Perhaps the most famous rider to have won it is this year's Gold Cup winning rider Sam Waley-Cohen, who won it a record three times on the French-bred *Down in* in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Last year, young Joseph Williams was successful on *Galtee View*, a former inmate of Llancarfan's Evan Williams's yard and the 13-year-old will be out to repeat last year's performance but could find things a lot harder this

time.

The ladies' open is an AGA qualifier and the prolific *Chestnut Annie* and *Lady Myfanwy* are both entered.

Racing gets under way with the first of the seven races at 2pm with the members' race and Rae Jones's *Up There* should get backers off to a good start.

Meanwhile, Bradley Gibbs (16), who rides out for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, had plenty to smile about at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Steeplechases at Ystradowen.

Bradley not only rode his first winner, but he also rode his first double! He began the day by riding his father David's *Cinaman* to victory over the pace-making *Little Miss Monty* in the Members' race and in the last race of the day – the Aged Horses Maiden – he was successful on Mrs Mary Davies's *Glencam*, an eight-year-old bay mare trained by Mrs Davies's husband John who was celebrating his birthday.

Paul Miles and his wife Myfanwy landed both the Men's and Ladies' Open races. *Findlay's Find*, a five-year-old chestnut gelding, "bred to win a Derby" under Nick Williams according to Myfanwy, had a length-and-half to spare over *Little Shilling*, ridden by Tom David in the John Lovell Memorial Men's Open Race, and around 40 minutes later, their prolific mare *Lady Myfanwy*, ridden by Claire Hart, made one of her rare appearances at a Welsh meeting and came home a comfort-

able three lengths clear of *Micks Prospect*, ridden by Lucy Pearce.

In 'the restricted', the grey *Sherfield Don*, a 10-1 chance, owned by Neil Edwards and David Spear of Bargoed, made every post a winning one under Johnny England to win by a length from *Diamondaire* ridden by Tom David.

Not the easiest of horses to train, 10-year-old *Sherfield Don* cost his owners just £1,100 at the Ascot Sales a couple of years ago. Johnny England, who is attached to Evan Williams's Llancarfan yard, had celebrated his 20th birthday the day before.

David Brace's *Ask The Thatcher*, ridden by Tom David, took the 'intermediate' by 10 lengths from *Floridahal*, ridden by Nick Williams, after leading his three rivals a merry gallop throughout. A winner over the course three weeks earlier, *Ask The Thatcher* was two seconds slower than winning last time.

Bridgend builder Roger Willcox won the Young Horse Maiden with his ex-Irish point-to-pointer *Dunshane*, a five-year-old bay gelding

trained by his son John. *Dunshane*, ridden by Josh Harris, was in a prominent position throughout and was left well clear when the chasing *Millys Delight*, who never looked like catching him, fell five fences from the finish.

Dunshane won by five lengths from the favourite *The Last Bullit* who came from a long way behind.

Rachel Leyshon (16), a former leading pony-racing competitor from the Vale of Glamorgan, notched up her first win at the Old Surrey & Burston meeting in Kent when she won the ladies' open race on her mother Dianne's *Shake The Bottle*, and Pyle's Sally Randell trained the winner of the classic Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire Point-To-Point when her *Surenaga*, ridden by Ben Puste, easily beat 25-1 outsider *Cedrus Libani*.

You can email your news/views to Brian Lee at leebrian@btinternet.com or phone him on 02920736438.

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Young rugby talent in the Vale is on show at Peterston-super-Ely TAG rugby festival

A TAG rugby festival for schools in the Vale was held just before the end of term, hosted by Peterston-super-Ely. A total of 19 teams took part, with more than 200 boys and girls demonstrating their running and passing skills in a well organised and successful event.



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The team from
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ABOVE: Wick and Marcross Primary.



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The Cadoxton Imps B team enjoy league and cup glory

THE Dockers cup final was recently held at Jenner Park between Cadoxton Imps B and Cadoxton Barry FC B.

Cadoxton Imps found themselves 1-0 up after just six minutes, after a well taken corner from Andrew Carrel found the head of Andrew Mason to power home an unstoppable header.

With the defence of Imps focused and clearing any danger, the next 20 minutes was a mid-field battle with few chances at either end.

The second half suggested that Cadoxton Barry were fired up, and had a very good chance within minutes of the restart, keeper Mitchell Newman making a good save.

It wasn't long into the half when man of the match David Huckle was



The winning Cadoxton Imps B team.

through on goal and despite staying on his feet, the referee had no choice but to award a penalty for a rash challenge in the Cadoxton Barry box.

Up stepped Clayton Ross to send the penalty over the Cadoxton Barry bar.

With legs beginning to

tire, it was a quick over the top ball which was to seal the fate of CB when a long ball was met by Dan Addland's dipping half-volley to make it 2-0.

Cadoxton Imps B team: Mitchell Newman, Steve Newman, Nicky Williams, Richard Brett, Richard Holley, Ryan

Jones, Andrew Mason, Andrew Carrel, Kris Gibbins, Clayton Ross, Mark Lewis, Richard Williams, Robert John, Owen Pursall, David Huckle, Dan Addland, Karl Walters, Dave Coslett and Nigel Cottle.

The Cadoxton Imps FC managers, coaches, boardroom members and players would like to thank VOGAFL members and officials for a well-organised day, and would like to thank Cadoxton Barry FC for a game played in good spirit.

League Results:

Cadoxton Barry B 1, Cadoxton Imps 3 THIS league game was a second chance for Imps to prove they are promotion and title contenders this season.

Goalscorers were

Clayton Ross and Dan Addland (2).

Penarth Town B 1, Cadoxton Imps 7

A GOOD performance saw a well organised Imps full of confidence.

Dan Addland (4), David Huckle (2) and Clayton Ross were among the goals.

Cadoxton Imps 3, Penarth Town B 1

HAVING played Penarth a few days earlier and plagued by injury (even manager Dave Coslett had a run out), a much weakened Imps found it hard to get the flowing football.

However, a calm finish and a double strike late in the game from Dave Huckle saw Imps grab three points to keep their promotion hopes alive.

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BARRY ATHLETIC CRICKET ROUND-UP

Stags suffer setback against Penarth CC

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic CC XI failed to build on their recent success as they collapsed to a 64-run defeat to Penarth CC at the Barry Oval.

Baker finally lost a toss and was asked to field.

The visitors brought a strong side to face the Stags and that was clearly evident in an excellent batting display from the top order, which saw boundaries galore in the opening 15 overs and momentum swinging their way.

However, the captain responded by bringing himself into the attack and taking two vital wickets. More fell after drinks, with Steve Jones and Billy Usswald getting into the action and Penarth soon collapsed, finishing on 209-9 from their 40 overs.

After tea, the Stags were up against it in their run chase with batsmen Nathan Baker, Damon Leake and Craig Brockway all back in the shed for low scores.

High quality bowling from the visitors saw wickets constantly falling, and although a 60-run partnership

involving Ian Gadd gave the home fans something to cheer about, it was too late for the Stags as they were bowled out for just 145.

NEW SKIPPER OPENS WITH VICTORY

IT was a day to remember for new 2nd XI captain, Simon Phillips, as he took charge of his first match since being appointed.

The opposition were a buoyant Lisvane CC, who were celebrating promotion to Division Two 2nd XI of the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Cricket League.

Martin Baker made his first appearance since the display against Miskin Manor last season, while Phillips showed the Stags what was to come by losing the toss and being asked to field in warm conditions.

Despite the pitch supporting the batsmen massively, the Stags were in full control from start to finish.

Wickets fell at regular intervals as the visitors proved to be the architects of their own downfall during the innings.

Fantastic bowling spells from Steve Jones, Callum Twomey, Elliott Clissold and Ashley Baker brought much joy

to the home fans, dismissing Lisvane for just 168 in 35.1 overs.

The Stags continued their dominance on the field with Nathan Baker in fine form. Boundaries were flowing as the fans continued to show their presence and the loss of Ian Gadd, Jonathan Phillips and Andrew Buckland proved to be insignificant. Baker was halted on 97, after being trapped lbw.

The Stags were not to be denied and with the father-son partnership of Martin (11 n/o) and Ashley Baker (16 n/o), the Stags cruised home with 19 overs to spare, winning by six wickets.

The BACC season opening party will be held on Saturday, May 28. All Stags and friends are welcome to join in the fun; the party will take place after the Barry Athletic CC 2nd XI's match against newly-promoted Welsh Asians CC.

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Dream start for juniors

PENARTH Windsor LTC Juniors have made a dream start to their summer league season with nine wins in nine matches.

This year, the club has entered 11 teams in the Aegon inter club competition, with players ranging in age from eight to 16.

The young players take on teams from clubs across south Wales between April and June, playing two sets in

both singles and doubles.

Separate leagues are run for girls and boys from age 10 upwards, with Penarth Windsor running five boys and three girls teams, as well as a mixed under-8s and two under-9 teams.

The Windsor teams have notched up wins against teams from Radyr, Rhiwbina and Stow Park, and also no less than four team victories against local rivals, Penarth Rectory Road.

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SEVEN HEAVEN FOR RUGBY STARLETS

THE annual Vale of Glamorgan schools' rugby sevens tournament saw Cowbridge Comprehensive School triumph in three out of six age group titles, continuing a season of local rugby dominance for the school.

Held at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry, the competition featured the cream of the county's young rugby talent in the small sided version of the game, as all of the Vale's secondary schools – other than Bryn Hafren girls' school – took part.

Cowbridge emerged victorious in the year 8, 9 and 11 tournaments, and were runners-up in the three remaining age categories, beaten by Stanwell (year-7 and 10) and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg (seniors).

The Cowbridge boys' sevens success was the



latest in a year of remarkable rugby glory for the school, with them also winning the Vale schools' 15-a-side league titles in years 7 up to 10, as well as the 15-a-side cup competitions in years 8, 9 and

10.

The Vale of Glamorgan's rugby development officer, Matt Silva, commented: "Rugby in the Vale is at an all-time high at this present time with most schools fielding sides at

LEFT: Rugby sevens tournament hosts Ysgol Bro Morgannwg on the attack against Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

every age group, and it is paramount that we have a league structure and a Cup finals day in 15-a-side and sevens as it gives the pupils a goal to aim for.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to all the secondary school PE teachers who contributed to making this tournament a success and a special thank you to Rhys Beynon at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg for all his hard work and commitment in organising these events."

Scorpions feel full force of Lions' roar!

CO-OPERATIVE 1 league leaders Swinton Lions survived an early scare in Neath when they were 18-0 down to South Wales Scorpions after just 11 minutes, but they quickly fought their way back into the

South Wales Scorpions 22
Swinton Lions 74

game and once they took control, they showed why they are top.

The game was just 30 seconds old when Jamie Murphy broke through to score under the sticks to give Scorpions the lead after Ashley Bateman sprinted down the right wing when he received the ball from kick-off; Lewis Reece converted.

Steve Parry wriggled his way through the defence to score the second on seven minutes after debutant Paul Raftery had been stopped

short, and Reece goaled again.

The third was scored on 11 minutes when Casey Bromilow leapt on his own grubber kick after it had rebounded off a Lions player.

The second half was all Swinton as the Welsh hardly had a look-in, but Scorpions didn't give up and got back on the board on 63 minutes.

Reece then grounded but failed to convert.

However, the Lions continued the scoring to conclude an emphatic victory. **IG**

Colin Hillman walk

SOUTH Wales Police RFC and Matthew Hillman will shortly announce the route and date for a charity walk in memory of Colin Hillman 'Rugby's True Gentleman' with proceeds going to Y Bwthyn Newydd at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

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The swim meet races were split into single year age groups, with up to 40 swimmers participating in each age group.

Medals were awarded for the top three places, so it was a tremendous effort for anyone to win one of these medals or indeed finish inside the top 10.

Barry ASC can be proud of the effort from all their swimmers, the majority of whom managed to beat their personal bests in the majority of their races, which is a great measure of success and progress.

With all the Barry swimmers and parents sitting together throughout the day, there was a togetherness created with everyone cheering on every Barry ASC swimmer, and this had a positive influence on all swimmers.

There were numerous positives for the Barry



Barry swimmers Declan Ewington, Ffion McCulloch and Luke Birnage.

ASC swimmers with Luke Birnage gaining first, second and third place; Jonathan Bowden finished in the top 10 in each event and set personal bests throughout; Shaun Bowden won every race – six first places, while Ryan Connor achieved two first places and a second.

Declan Ewington won two second place medals after moving up an age group, while Ffion Goodland finished in or around the top 10 in each event to continue her recent progress.

Llinos Goodland achieved personal bests

in each event and finished in the top half of her age group; Jonathan Haggett finished inside the top 10 in each event and nearly broke the 30-second barrier for the 50m Free; Amy McAndrew gained personal bests and finished in or around 10th place in the large 11-year age group, while Elizabeth McCulloch swam in seven events with a best of fifth place and still was still able to set personal bests.

Ffion McCulloch, one of our youngest swimmers, entering just her second meet outside

Barry, gained two firsts; Jack Parry finished in or around the top 10 in each event; Isabelle Peter set personal bests in several events and finished inside the top 10 on several occasions in her age group of up to 40 entrants.

Ffion Vickers set personal bests and finished in the top 10 on several occasions in the same age group; Bethan Williams finished in the top 10 in four of her five events and beat her 200 IM personal best by some 13 seconds, while Briana Williams in just her second meet, set per-

sonal bests in each event.

In all, Barry ASC gained 11 first places, three seconds and two thirds.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club so if you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

We swim at Barry Leisure Centre and Cardiff International Pool. For more information, look on the Barry Amateur Swimming Club website.

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WELSH GOLF NEWS

Vale golfer Rhys is well placed in order of merit

VALE golfer Rhys Pugh is in third place in the Pinnacle Golf Union of Wales Order of Merit, trailing leader James Frazer by 94 points.

Oliver Farr is in second place, and he hit back emphatically after the Duncan Putter event with a clean sweep of trophies at the Trubshaw Cup.

He scored rounds of 69 and 66 to win the Carmarthenshire Open at Ashburnham, and rounds of 69 and 66 at Tenby to win the Tenby Golden Eagle.

His total of 14 under par saw him lift the Trubshaw Cup for the second year running and he collected 150 Pinnacle Order of Merit points.

Rhys Pugh (Vale of Glamorgan) and Michael Hearne (Southerndown) tied for second place and collected 75 Pinnacle points each.

Pugh scored rounds of 71, 72, 68 and 70, while Hearne scored 68, 70, 71 and 72 for a four-

round total of 281 strokes.

The next Pinnacle Order of Merit event is the Lytham Trophy at Royal Lytham & St Annes from April 29 – May 1.

Order of Merit positions: 1 James Frazer (Pennard) 188; 2 Oliver Farr (Ludlow) 150; 3 Rhys Pugh (Vale of Glamorgan) 94.33; 4 Ben Westgate (Trevose) 93.5; Michael Hearne (Southerndown); 75 6 Joe Vickery (Newport); 71 7= Mark Lewis (Glamorganshire) 23.33.

JUNIOR ORDER OF MERIT
RHYS PUGH has a big lead in the Welsh junior order of merit table, sponsored by Hugh James, after his strong early season showing in senior events.

However, it was Jack Bush of Morlais Castle who claimed the Central Wales Boys at Aberdovey and Borth & Ynyslas, with rounds of 69 and 72.

Bush claimed 100 Hugh James points. In second place were Oliver Dickson

(Pennard) and James Casey (Newport) who each collected 50 points.

At the Peter McEvoy Trophy, Rhys Pugh scored rounds of 71, 71, 69 and 68 to finish third in his defence of the trophy and collected 120 Hugh James points.

The next event is the South Wales Boys Championship at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, April 26–28.

Order of merit positions: 1 Rhys Pugh (Vale of Glamorgan) 320; 2 Jack Bush (Morlais Castle) 140; 3 Zach Galliford (Borth & Ynyslas) 60; 4 Oliver Baker (Cardiff) 52; 12= Delon Hau (Vale of Glamorgan) 18; 14= Sam McCarthy (Vale of Glamorgan) 13.5

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GEM sport

Barry come down to earth at Nantymoel

ON the back of their excellent performance the previous week, Barry visited the Ogmore Valley on Saturday to play against a side motivated to reverse a loss at the Reservoir Field earlier in the season.

Nantymoel fielded a well-balanced outfit, which had some old heads at No 8 and loose head and an excellent half-back combination. Their opponents, on the other hand, featured several players only recently graduated from the youth team. This development will reap its own rewards in due course.

The home side got the better of the early exchanges, with their half-backs gaining large amounts of territory with excellent touchline kicking.

From this pressure, they were soon into a six point lead, courtesy of two easy penalty goals.

Not to be outdone, the Barry pack forced the opposition back into their 20-metre area and Provis levelled the scores with two well-struck penalties.

A further penalty to Nantymoel for a foolish shirt-tugging incident gave them a six point advantage going into the half time break.

During the opening spell of the second half, Barry became very sloppy and lost their concentration. These shortcomings had the inevitable result.

NANTYMOEL
BARRY

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Nantymoel were happy to live off these errors and obtained another penalty, together with a converted try.

Barry stirred themselves and countered with a very good try, engineered by Gallivan and scored by Adams.

The plague of mistakes continued when the Nantymoel restart was fumbled and they were able to set siege to the Barry line, which saw the home side score a further converted try.

The Barry forwards yet again set out for the home line. Following excellent groundwork by Jones and Bowditch, the backs eventually worked Adams over for his second try.

Barry now took the game to Nantymoel, who were showing signs of disarray and came to within one point with another excellent try, this time by Hadfield. This was converted from near the touchline with a fine kick by Ryan.

A Barry missed pass on the opposition line was cruelly punished when their right winger worked himself clear to sprint fully 80 metres to score under the posts.

Following prolonged pressure the Nantymoel No 8 conceded a penalty with what the referee decided was a yellow card offence. The ensuing penalty was slotted over by Ryan.

One man to the good, the visitors should have been well in the hunt.

However, they committed a serious offence themselves and Hadfield was given his marching orders.

Barry allowed Nantymoel to dominate the turn-overs, which starved their backs of any worthwhile possession. The forwards seemed unaware of the need to protect the ball at the back of the ruck and allowed the opposition to benefit.

Nantymoel scored a further try at the final whistle, which gave them a flattering final scoreline

Barry could have turned the game around but failed due to their indiscipline and lack of concentration at the ruck and maul. There were however some good cameo performances from the visitors by Ryan, Morgan and Jones.

Barry team: Ryan, Adams, Busitil, Walsh, Provis, Hardy, Gallivan, Bowditch, Evans, Morgan, King, Deguara, O'Sullivan, Hadfield, Jones. **Subs:** Williams, Harrison, Hollister, Gill. **CO**

Barry were also in action on Tuesday, where they faced Porth at the Reservoir Field and came away with a bonus point 25-0 victory; see next week's paper for a full match report.

Rampant Dinas Powys ladies grab league title

South Wales Girls League
Garw under-18 1
Dinas Powys under-18 13

WITH just a point required to secure the league title, the Dinas Powys girls made the trip to the Garw Valley in confident mood.

The girls played superbly from start to finish, completely overwhelming their hosts, and the goal glut started as early as the tenth minute.

Following some lovely midfield play, Shanelle Edwards, on her return from international duty, carved through the Garw defence to set up strike partner Jordan Guard, who was left with a simple tap in to open the scoring.

This set the tone for the rest of the first half and by the time half time arrived, Guard had taken her tally to five, most of which she owed to the unselfish play of her partner.

Further goals from skipper Emily Jellings, midfielder Amy Wathan and one directly from a corner from winger Taylor Page gave the scoreline a very one-sided look, although the home side did manage to score from a defensive mix up.

The second half continued in much the same vein with the champions elect creating chance after chance.

Edwards' industry was duly rewarded as she helped herself to a second half hat-trick, one of which was quite remarkable as, following another Garw restart, she stole the ball from the receiving home side midfielder and ran straight through the defence to smash the ball past the hapless keeper.

Two more from the tireless Wathan completed the rout.

It was a fitting performance to confirm Dinas Powys as champions and a real treat for the decent crowd who'd come out to enjoy the sunshine and a game of football – although the Garw girls may have a different view!

Under-14s Cup joy
DINAS under-14s reached their first Cup final after a great performance against a determined Barry Town side at the Barry Sports Centre on Saturday, April 16. Dinas won 4-1.

Excellent performances from all the boys; well done. **MW**

Dinas FC grab victory from jaws of defeat



A goalmouth scramble.

THIS result speaks volumes for the team spirit on display in this game.

Down to ten men, and a goal down, Dinas fought back with two goals in the last ten minutes to leave the visitors wondering how they had come to lose the game.

Two of the meanest defences in the league dominated the first 45 minutes of this game with goal efforts at a premium, but it was Caerleon who had the first shot on goal, Mark Gunter forcing keeper Dave Burnett into a good save.

On 25 minutes, Mark Dunford's shot gave former Dinas keeper Keiron Blackburn something to do, but there was very little else for the crowd to cheer.

Caerleon came out more determined in the second-half and it wasn't long before home keeper Dave Burnett was forced to punch Adrian Blake's dangerous cross clear.

Dinas fought their way back into the game with Mark Dunford pouncing upon the defences' hesitation, shooting across goal but just wide of the far post.

Minutes later, Dave Burnett had to parry a powerful shot and then came a controversial incident which ended with the referee awarding Caerleon a penalty.

When a Caerleon corner was only cleared to the edge of the area, a powerful shot flew threw a crowd of players, hitting Rhodri Foote standing on the goal line.

After a few seconds delay, the referee blew for a penalty for handball, showing Foote a red card.

There were vehement protests claiming the

Welsh League Division Two
Dinas Powys 2
Caerleon 1

ball had hit the shoulder and not the arm and, in fact, had rebounded back out of the area.

The protests were in vain, and Ben Davies made no mistake from the spot. Manager Marc Cahill adjusted his formation and it took some time for Dinas to get back into the game following this setback.

Ten minutes from time, Blackburn had to be alert to save at the feet of Gareth Tedstone, but could do nothing when the same player stooped low to head home the equaliser from Gunstone's excellent free-kick.

Five minutes later, what had seemed a lost cause was completely turned around.

Again Gunstone was the provider, heading down through a hesitant defence for Ollie Dalton to beat Blackburn with a low shot from 12 yards.

Foolishly, Dalton pulled off his shirt in celebration and promptly

received his second booking to leave Dinas to successfully see out the last few minutes with nine men.

The three points lifted Dinas three places and keeps them on track to challenge for the third promotion spot back to Welsh League Division One.

Squad: Dave Burnett, Rhodri Foote, Stephen Provis, Gareth Tedstone, Dave Penikett, Jon Carpenter, Ricki Morgan, Callum McKenzie, Mark Dunford, Barry Gunstone, Ollie Dalton. **Subs:** Ben Dimond, Manny Djornor, Mike Haywood, Mathew Russell, Gareth Shaw.

Next game: Welsh League Division Two, Saturday, April 23, Dinas Powys v Ammanford kick off 2.30pm.

For further news and fixtures see the club's website: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk. **MW**

Club achieve national sports recognition

BARRY YMCA has won a top sports award through the Sport and Recreation Alliance UK.

The club was nominated for the award, which was endorsed by the national governing body, British Gymnastics, before then being passed to the first selection panel, and was judged on March 9 at the Sport and Recreation Alliance central offices in London.

BBC sports' Eleanor Oldroyd chaired the judging panel, which included Rodney Hinds (sports editor of *The Voice* newspaper).

Also on the panel was the Sports and Recreation Alliance's Sallie Barker, who acts as head of services within the central council of physical recreation.

The awards recognise outstanding clubs across all sports, and carry a prize fund of £12,500.

The six awards categories are: Community Sports Club of the Year; Open and Inclusive Club of the Year; Best Club Volunteer Management Programme; Community Amateur Sports Club of the Year; Professional Sports Club Community Programme of the Year; School Club Link Award (in conjunction with the Youth Sports Trust).

The YMCA is a winner of one of these categories and has been invited to attend a gala dinner in the Grange, St Paul's Hotel, London, on Tuesday, May 3, where they will discover which awards they have won.

The awards (supported by foundation for sport and the arts and running sports) will be presented by England cricketer and *Strictly Come Dancing* star Mark Ramprakash. **FB**

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